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ACTES MADE IN THE seſsion of this preſent parlyament holden vpon prorogation at Weſtm. the. IIII. day of Febꝛuary, in the. XXVII. yere of the reygne of our moſte dꝛad ſoueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there contynued and kepte tyll the. XIIII. day of Apꝛyll next enſuynge. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and prorfyte of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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For ſo moche as dyuers and many howſes, meſuages, & tene mētis of habitations in the townes of Notingha, Shrewſbury, Ludlowe, Bridgenorth, Quynborowe, Northampton, and Glouceſter, nowe are, and of longe tyme haue bene in great ruine and decaye, and ſpecially in the principalle and chiefe ſtretes there beinge, in the whiche chiefe ſtretes in tymes paſſed haue ben beautyfull dwellynge howſes, there welle inhabyted, whiche at this day moche part therof is deſolate, and voyd groundes, with pyttes, ſellers, and vaultes, lyenge open and vncouered very perylous, for people to go by in the nyght without ieoperdy of lyfe: whiche decayes are to the great impoueryſhynge and hynderaunce of the ſame townes. For the remedy wherof it maye pleaſe the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, by thaſſent of his lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the comons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by the auctorite of the ſame, it may be enacted, that if the owner or owners of any ſuche voyde and decayed houſes or groundes, within the precinct of the ſayd townes of Notyngham, Shrewſbury, Ludlowe, Glouceſter, Bridgenorth, Quynborowe, and Northampton, within .iii. yeres nexte after proclamation therof be made by the mayres, ſheriffes, and bayliffes of any of the ſayde townes, by what name or names ſoo euer they be incorporated, in and vppon any ſuche vacande or decayed howſes, and groundes in any ſuche townes, as is aforeſayde, and accordyng to this acte do not entre and ſufficiently reedifie and buylde the ſame decayed houſes or voyde groundes: that than it ſhall be lefull to the lord, of whom ſuch vacand groundes or decayed houſes ben or ſhalbe holden, to entre immediatly after the ſayd .iii. yeres expired, and to haue the ſame groundes to them and their heyres or ſucceſſours for euer. So that the ſayde lordes do ſufficiently reedifie and buylde the ſame vacant or voyde groundes, wherin he or they may entre by this acte, within .iii. yeres next and immediatly folowyng the determination of the former .iii. yeres, in the which the owners ought to haue entred reedified and buylded the ſame, by vertue of this acte. And yf ſuche lordes as may entre by this acte, do not entre, and well and ſufficiently reedifie and buylde the ſame voyde and decayed howſes and groundes, in theyr ſaid. iii. yeres to them lymitted by this acte: that then it ſhalbe lefull to the mayres, ſheryffes, bayliffes, and cōmynalte of the ſayd townes, by what name or names ſo euer they be incorporated, and theyr ſucceſſours for the tyme beinge immediatly after the ſayde. iii. yeres expyred, to entre into euery ſuche voyde or decayed groundes or houſes, and the ſame groundes or ground to holde and reteyne without interruption to them and theyr ſucceſſours for euer, clerely diſcharged of all rentes goinge out of the ſame, as well ayenſt the lorde or lordes, of whom ſuche grounde or groundes be holden, as all other, ſo that alwayes the ſame mayres, ſheryffes, bayliffes, or

comminalte or theyr ſucceſſours for the tyme being, do well and ſufficiently reedifie and buylde the ſame grounde or grounde, wherin they may ſo entre by this act, within .iii. yeres next & immediatly folowyng the determynation of the former .iii. yeres, in the which the aforeſayd lordes, of whom ſuche groūd or groūdes were holdē, ſhuld or ought to haue entred reedified & buyloed the ſame. And in caſe the ſaid maires ſheriffes bailiffes & comminalte or their ſucceſſours for the tyme beinge, do not entre and ſufficiently reedifie & buylde the ſame voyd or decayed houſes or grounde, in forme aforeſayd, within the ſaid terme of .iii. yeres, according to this act: that then it ſhalbe leful to the fyrſt owner & owners of ſuch decayed & voyd groūdis, their heires or ſucceſſors imediately after the ſame .iii. yeres expired, into the ſame groūd & groūdes to reentre, & them to reteine to them their heires or ſucceſſours, as in their firſte eſtate, any thinge in this act to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

¶ Prouided always that this act nor any thyng therin conteined, be in any wiſe prejudiciall or hurtefull to any perſon or perſonnes beynge at the time of the ſayde proclamation made, vnder the age of one and twentie yeres, or to any woman couerte baron, or any perſone or perſones beinge in priſon or beyonde the ſee in the kynges warres or his other lawfull affayres, durynge ſuche tyme as ſuche perſon or perſones ſhalbe within age, couert baron, in priſon, or beyonde the ſee, ſo that the ſame perſone or perſones after he or they be come to full age, or beinge not couerte baron, out of priſon, & come agayne within this realme, within thre yeres nexte enſuinge, doo reedifie the ſame houſes ſo decayed.

## ¶ An acte for countrefaytynge of the ſygne, ſygnet, or priuie ſeale of our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, to be from henſe forth taken and adiudged hyghe treaſon. Capitulo. ii.

For as moch as by the lawes of this realme ſmal puniſhment hath ben hitherto prouided for forgynge and counterfaityng of the kinges ſigne manuel, or preute ſeignet, By reaſon wherof diuerſe lyght & eupl diſpoſed perſons now of late haue taken the more boldnes & courage to cōmytte ſuche offences, to the great audacite and boldenes of ſuche lyke offenders. For remedy wherof, be it enacted by auctorite of this preſent parlyament, that if any perſon or perſonnes at any tyme hereafter falſely forge and counterfayte the kynges ſygne manuel, preuy ſignet, or preute ſeale, that thā euery ſuche offence ſhalbe demed and adiudged hyghe treaſon, and the offenders therin, their counſaylours procurours aydours & abettours, beinge conuict of any ſuche offence according to the lawes of this realme, ſhalbe demed & adiuged traytours agaynſt the kynge and the realme, and ſhall ſuffre and haue ſuche peynes of deathe, forfayture of londes goodes and cattal, and alſo loſe the priuilege of al ſaintuaries, as in caſes of hyghe treaſon it is ordeyned.

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## ¶ An acte takynge awaye exactions taken by the Mayre, and commynaltie of the towne of Hulle. Cap. iii.

WHere vpon complaynt made in this present parliament by the kynges poore subiectes, and namely the poore fyshermen, inhabitinge vppon the costes of the See, within the counties of Norff. and Suff. whiche vse comenly to conducte and conuey their hearynge sprottes and other fyshe to the towne of Kyngston vpon Hulle, there to be vttered and solde to other the kynges subiectes, wyllynge to bye the same: It doth euidently and playnly appere, that suche greatte and intollerable exactions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken of them for their sayde hearynge and other fyshe, by the rulers and officers of the sayd towne, that onles som spedy remedy be for them prouided in that behalfe, a great noumbre of them shall be driuen of necessite to absent themselfes from their sayd markette of olde tyme continewed and holden at the sayde towne, where most cõmonly afore tyme a great nombre of the kinges subiectes, and namely of the northe partyes of this realme, haue vsed to prouyde theym selfe of their hearynge and fysshe: whiche fynallye shall be not onely the vtter impouerysshinge and vndoinge of the sayd poore fyshermen, inhabytynge within the sayde counties of Norff. and Suff. but also a great incũberance to all suche the kynges subiectes of the said northe partis, as afore tyme cõmonly haue vsed to prouide their hearynge and fisshe at the sayde towne, for the mayntenance of their householde. For the spedy reformation wherof, be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the mayre of the sayd towne of Kyngston vpon Hull and his successours, & all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall frome hensforthe permytte and suffre all thinhabitantes of the sayde counties of Norf. and Suf. or from any other places, thither repairynge with vitayle, at all tymes for euermore betwene the feaste of all sayntes and Thannunciation of our Lady, lyberally and freely without interrupcyon or impediment to conducte and bringe theyr sayde hearynges and other fysshe to the sayd towne, and there to vtter and sel the same as wel by water as by lande, by retayle or in grosse, to whome so euer and whan so euer within the same tyme before expressed, they or any of theym shall thynke mooste expedyent for theyr owne profyte and commodytie, withoute any maner of tolle, custome, imposycion, or other exaction or charge to be demaunded, leuyed, or taken of the seller or byer of the same by the sayde Mayre, or any other officer or mynyster of or within the sayde Towne or poste of the same, for the sayde hearynge or other fysshe, or for the shyppes or other vessayles, wherin the same hearynge or fysshe, shall so be brought or conducted, excepte onelye suche sommes of money, as hereafter ensueth, That is to saye, of euery shyppe thyther repayringe with hearynges

or other fyshe, as is aforesayde, beynge of the burden of.xx. tunne, or vnder and not aboue, fyue shyllynges: And of euery shyppe thyther repayrynge with hearynges or other fyshe, beinge aboue the ful burthen of.xx.tunne, iii. shyllinges.viii.d. and not aboue. And that the sayd mayre, and al other officers and myntisters of or within the sayd towne and liberties of the same, for the tyme beinge, shall from hensforthe welle and fauourably order and intreate the sayd inhabytantes of Suff. and Norff. and all other as is afore sayde, repayrynge to the sayd towne with hearynge fyshe or other vytailes as is before expressed, without any extreme or vnlauful serchynge viewynge or settynge of vnreasonable prices of the sayde hearynge fyshe or other vytayles: And without frustrate or wylful delay or tractyng of tyme in the sayd viewinge serchynge or settynge of the same prices, or any other maner of vexation or wrongfull veracion: but shal order vse and intreate the same inhabytauntes discretely and charitably in euery behalfe as they ought to be. And in case the sayde mayre for the tyme beinge, or any other officer or minister of or within the sayde towne or lybertie of the same, do hereafter for any cause before expressed, exacte, leuie, or take of any of the sayde inhabitauntes, or any other the kynges subiectes, any more or greatter somes than is before mencioned, or do in any maner of wyse offende hereafter in any other article or poynt conteyned in this present act, contrary to the true meanyng tenour and effecte of the same, that then vppon complaynt therof made by the partie greued in that behalfe, vnto the lorde Chauncellour of England, lorde Treasourer, lorde president, and other the lordes of the kynges most honorable counsayle, for the tyme beinge, it shall or maye appere to them, or to.iii. of them at the leaste, wherof the sayde lorde chauncellour to be one, that the sayde mayre other officer or minister of or within the sayde towne or liberties of the same, hath so offended in any article or point before expressed, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this present acte, and so adiudged and decreed by the sayd lordes, or by three of theym at the leaste, wherof the sayde lorde Chauncellour to be one, that than the sayde mayre officer or other minister soo offendynge, shall lose and forfayte for euery suche offence twenty pounndes, wherof thone halfe to be to our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge and his heyres, and thother halfe to the sayd partie greued that shall or wyll sue for the same by action of dette bill playnt or information in any of the kynges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shall be allowed: And the same sute to be taken commenced and tried within any shyre of this royalme, at the pleasure of hym that shall pursewe the same, any forayn plee or other matter to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandynge.

Prouided that no maner person or persons, other than suche as ben free burgesys of the sayd towne of Hulle, shall at any tyme hereafter, by auctoritie of this acte, sell within the same towne any fyshe or hearynge in smalle and lyttell numbres and peces by retayle, but may and shall sells saltefyshe haberden or stockefyshe by the hundred halfe hundred quartern or halfquar-

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terne of any of them, and whyte hearyng by the barell, half barel, or by fyrkyn at the leaſt, and redde hearyng and ſprottes by the cade. this acte or any thynge therin expreſſed to the contrary notwithſtondinge.

## ¶ In acte declarynge the order and punyſhement of pyrates and robbers on the ſee. cap. iiii.

WHere pyrottes, theues, robbers, and murtherers vppon the ſee many tymes eſcape vnpuniſhed, bicauſe the tryal of their offences hath hertofore be ordered before the admyrall or his lieutenant or commiſſary after the courſe of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that before any iugement of death can be gyuen agaynſte the offenders, eyther they muſte plainely confeſſe theyr offences (whiche they wyll neuer do without torture or paynes) or elles their offences be ſo playnly and directly proued by witneſſes indifferent, ſuche as ſawe their offences committed, whiche can not be goten but by chaunce at fewe tymes, by cauſe ſuche offenders committe their offences vpon the ſee, and at many tymes murder and kyll ſuche perſons beinge in the ſhyppe or bote where they committe theyr offences, which ſhuld bere witneſſe ayenſt them in that behalfe: and alſo ſuche as ſhuld beare witneſſe be commenly mariners and ſhypmen, whiche for the moſt partie can not be gotten ne had alwayes redy to teſtifie ſuche offences, bycauſe of their often viages and paſſages in the ſees without long taryeng & protraction of time and greatte coſtes and charges as well of the kynges hyghnes as of ſuche as wolde purſue ſuche offenders. For reformation wherof be it enacted, by auctorite of this preſent parlyament, that all ſuch offences done in or vpon the ſe, or in any other hauen riuer or creke, where the admyrall or admirals pretende to haue iuriſdiction, ſhall be enqueted tried herde and determyned in ſuche ſhires & places in the realme, as ſhalbe lymitted by the kynges cõmiſſion to be directed for the ſame, in lyke forme and condition as if ſuche offences had bene done vppon the lande. And that ſuche commiſſions ſhall be had vnder the kynges greatte ſeale, directed to the lorde admyrall or admiralles, or to his or their lieutenaunt deputye or deputies, and to three or foure ſuche other ſubſtanciall perſons as ſhall be named by the lorde Chancellour for the tyme beinge, as often as nede ſhall require to here and determine ſuche offences after the cõmon courſe of the lawes of the lande, vſed for felonyes done and committed within the realme.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorite aforeſayd, that ſuche perſons, to whom ſuche commiſſions ſhalbe directed or .iii. of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue full power and auctorite to enquire of ſuche offences by the othes of .xii. good and lawfull men inhabited in the ſhiere lymitted in their commiſſion, in ſuche lyke maner and fourme, as if ſuche offences had be committed vpon the land within the ſame ſhyre: and that euery inditement founde and preſented before ſuch cõmiſſioners of any felonies robberies murders or man ſlaugh-

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ters done vpon the sees, or in or vpon any other hauen ryuer or creke, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe. And if any persone or persones happen to be indited for any suche offence, done or herafter to be done vpon the sees, or in any other places aboue limitted: that than suche order proces iudgement and execution shalbe vsed had done and made to and ageinst euery such person and persons, so being indyted, as ageynst felons & murderers for murder or felony done vpon the lande, as by the lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the tryall of such offence, if it be denyed by the offenders, shal be had by .xii. men inhabited in the shire lymitted within suche commyssion, whiche shalbe directed as is afore sayde, and no chalenge to be had for the hundred. And suche as shall be conuicte of any suche offence by verdicte confession or proces, by auctorite of any suche commyssion, shall haue and suffre suche peynes of death, losses of landes goodes and catals, as if they had ben conuicte of any felonyes or murders done vpon the landes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the sees, or in any other places aboue reherced, the offenders shall not be admytted to haue the benefytte of their Clergie, but be vterly excluded therof, and also of the the priuilege of any sentuary.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte extende not to be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persones for takynge any vytaile, gables, ropes, ankers, or Sayles, whiche any suche person or persons compelled by necessitie taken of or in any other shippe, whiche maye conuenientely spare the same: So that the same person or personnes pay out of hande for the same vitail, gables, ropes, ankers, or sayles, money or moneye worthe to the value of the thynge so taken, or deliuer for the same a sufficiente bylle obligatory, to be paid in fourme folowynge, that is to saye, yf the takynge of the same thynges be on this syde the straytes of Marroke, then to be paide within .viii. monethes: And if it be beyonde the sayde straytes of Marrok, than to be paid within .xii. monethes next ensuinge the makynge of suche bylles: And that the makers of suche bylles wel and truely paye the same det at the day to be lymitted within the sayde bylles.

¶ Prouided alwaye that whan so euer any suche commyssion for the punishment of the offences aforsayde, shall be directed or sente to any place within the iurisdiction of the fyue portes: that then euery suche commyssion shalbe directed vnto the lorde warden of the same portes for the tyme beinge, or to his deputie, and vnto thre or foure suche other person or persons as the lord Chauncellour for the time being, shall name and appoynte: any thynge in this present acte to the contrary therof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided also, that whan so euer any commyssion shall be directed into the fyue portes, for the inquisition, and trialles of any the offences expressed in this acte: that euery suche inquisition and tryal to be had by vertue of suche commyssion, shalbe made and had by the inhabytauntes in the sayde fyue portes or the membres of the same, any thynge in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte for makynge Justice of peace in Chester and wales. Capitu. v.

The kynges hyghnes consideryngе the manyfolde robberyes murders theftes trespasses riottes routes embraceries maintenaunces oppressions ruptures of his peace, and manye other malfaites, whiche ben dayly practised perpetrated commytted and done within his counties & countie palatynes of Chester & Flint shere in wales, adioynyng to the saide coũtie of Chester, & also in his coũties of Anglece, otherwyse called Anglesiey, Kayerneruan, & Merreoneth, within his principalitie of Northwales: And also in his coũties of Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Penbroke, & Glamorgã in southwales, by reason that commen iustice hath not ben indifferentely ministred there, lyke and in such fourme as it is in other places of this his realme: By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, theftes, trespaces, and brekyng of the peace haue remayned vnpunyshed, to the great animation of euil doers in the same counties. For redresse and amputation wherof, and to the intent that one order of ministring of his lawes shuld be had obserued & vsed in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and vsed: It is ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thautoritie of the same, that the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the greatte seale for the tyme beynge, frome tyme to tyme and at all tymes shal haue ful power and auctoritie by his discretiõ, to nomynate and appoynt Justicers of peace, Justicers of the Quorum, and iusticers of Gaole delyuery in the saydcounties of Chester, Flint, Anglesiey, Kayerneruan, Merreoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Penbroke, and Glamorgan, by commission vnder the kynges greatte seale, whiche shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire here and determyne all maner thynge and thynges enquirable presentable or determynable before iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of Gaole deliuery in other sheres of this realme of Englande, by force or vertue of any statute or statutes, made and to be made, or by the course of the common lawes of this realme. And that the sayd Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, & Justicers of gaole delyuery, so to be named & appoynted by the sayd lorde Chauncellour, or lord keper of the gret seale, & euery of them, shal haue like power & auctoritye within the sayde counties of Chester, Flint, Anglesey, Kayerneruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Penbroke and Glamorgan, to do vse and excute euery thynge and thynges, as other iustycers of peace, Quorum, and Gaole delyuerey, haue within any other of the shires of this realme of Englande: And also shall be sworne astricted and oblyged to the kepynge of theyr sessyons of the peace, and to the due executyon of all and synguler statutes and ordinaunces made and to be made,

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in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke peynes and penalties, as Justicers of peace, Quorum, and Gaole deliuery, in other shires of this realme of Englande ben and shall be bounden and obliged, any acte, statute, prescription, vsage, custome, lybertie, or priuilege hadde made accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted, by thauctoritie afore sayde, that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, tared sette lost or forfayted by or before suche Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerie, in the said counties of Chester and Flynt, shall be retourned and certifyed into the eschequier at Chester, before the kynges Chaumberlayne there. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, tared sette lost or forfayted, by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery, in the sayde counties of Anglesey, Kayernervan, and Merreoneth, and euery of them, shal be returned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Kayernervan, to and before the kynges Chamberlayne of Northwales. And that the extretes of the issues fynes and amerciamentes, tared, sette, loste, or forfayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery in the sayd counties of Kayermerthen, and Cardigan, and euery of them, shall be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Kayermarden to and before the kynges chamberlayne of Southwales. And that the extretes of the issues fynes and amerciamentis, tared set loste or forfayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerey, in the countie of Penbroke, shall be retourned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Penbroke. And that the extretes of the issues fynes and amerciamentes, tared set lost or forfayted by or before the Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery in the sayde countie of Glamorgan, shall be returned and certifyed into the kynges eschequier at Kayerdiff. And that the sayde extreates of the sayd issues fynes & amerciamentes, certified & returned into euery of the foresayd eschequiers, shalbe indented in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the kynges eschequire at westmynster. And that the sayd Justicers of peace and Quorum or gaole delyuerey, in euery of the sayde shieres, shall diuise suche lyke proces by extreates indented, with the extreates certified into the sayd eschequiers, to the shyreffe of euery of the said counties, for the leuying and gatherynge of the said issues, fines, and amerciamentis, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed by the Justicers of peace, quorum, and gaole delyuerie in euery other of the shires within this realme of England. And that euery sheryffe of euery of the sayde shieres shall make their accompte in euery of the sayd eschequiers, of and for the said issues fines & amerciamentis vpon the extretes to them directed in maner and fourme, as is vsed in the kinges eschequier of westmynster.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that the sayde Justicers of peace, and clerkes of the peace within the sayde counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Kayernervan, Merreoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Penbroke, and Glamorgan, and euery of them, shall be pated and allowed of the

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sayde issues fines and amerciamentes suche lyke fees profites and commodities as other iusticers of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shires of this realme, haue and ought to haue.

¶ And it is farther enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that the shireffe or his deputie and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the sayde shires, and al coroners, highe constables, pety constables and other officers within euery of the sayde sheres shalbe obliged and bounden to be as well attendaunte vnto the sayde iusticiers of peace, Quorum, and gaole delyuery, in all and euery thynge and thynges concernynge theyr auctorities, as in executynge and retournyng of all preceptes and processis to them directed by any of the sayde Justiciers, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke peynes and penalties, as all and euery sheriffes, coroners, and other officers, be and shall be bounden and obliged by any statute or common lawe in other shires of this realme of Englande: anye acte statute prescription vsage custome libertie or preuylege, had accustomed or vsed to the contrarye not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte for encrease and brede of good horses. Capitulo. vi.

The kynge our soueraygne lorde continually studieng for the aduauncemente augmentation and increace of the publyke weale of this his realme, callyng to his most gratious memory the gret decay of the generatiō & bredyng of good & swyfte and stronge horses, whiche here to fore haue benne bredde in this realme, to the greatte defence profite and common commoditie of the same: And nowe remembrynge, that lyke brede of horses is sore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thoughte to procede for that that in manye and mooste places of this realme commonlye littelle horses and nagges of smalle stature and value be suffred to depasture and also to conour maares and felys of verye small stature, by reason wherof the brede of good and stronge horses of this realme is nowe lately diminished altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decaye, if spedy remedy be not ꝑ soner prouided in that behalfe. The kynges highnes willig therfore to prouide remedy in that behalfe, by the aduise of the lordes spirytuall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by thauctorite of the same, hath ordeyned enacted and establyshed, that euery person and personnes, as well spirituall as temporall of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be, which at this present tyme, or at anye tyme here after shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge diche walle or pale, wherin any dere is, or hereafter shall be vsually kepte for game, conteynynge the quantitie of one myle in compas, and is or shall be seised therof in fee symple fee taple or for terme of lyfe, in possession to his or theyr owne profytte and behoufe, that euery such owner of euery such parke

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and grounde, beinge in his owne hande: and euery fermer of euerye suche parke or grounde beinge letten to ferme, from the fyrste daye of May, that shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXVII. shal kepe for euery such parke or grounde, beinge enclosed as is afore sayde, as longe as the same parke or grounde enclosed shall be vsed and kepte with deere in the same for games, two maares beinge not spayed, apte and able to beare folis, eche of them of the altitude or heyghte of. xiii. handefulles at the leaste, to be mesured from the loweste parte of the houe of the fote vnto the highest parte of the shulder, and euery handefull to conteyne. iiii. inches of the standarde, vppon peyne of forfayture of. xl. s. for euery monethe lackynge the sayde maares contrary to this acte. And that euery such owner or fermer of parke or grounde, wherof the compas is. iiii. myles and aboue, vpon peyne afore expressed, shall kepe for euery suche parke. iiii. maares beinge not spayed, apte and able to beare folis, of the altitude or heighte of. xiii. handefulles at the least, to be measured as is afore saide.

¶ Prouided, that if it shall happen any of the sayd maares by myschauntes or casualtie for to dye, that then the lorde owner or owners of the sayde mares, prouiding or byenge others of lyke heyght and altitude, as is before limitted, within. iii. monethes next after the death of the same maares, shall not incurre the daunger & penaltie of this estatute: any thynge before rehersed to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the lorde owners and fermers of all parkes and groundes inclosed as is aboue rehersed, lymyted and appoynted by this acte to kepe mares, shal not at any tyme after the sayde fyrste daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D.XXXVII. wyllyngely suffre any of the sayde mares to be conored and lepte with any stoned horse, vnder the stature of fourtene handefulles, to be measured in fourme aboue rehersed, vpon payne of forfayture of. xl. s. The moytie of all whiche forfaytures shalbe to the kynge our soueraygne lorde: And the other moytie therof to the partie that wylle sue for the same in any courte of our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, by action bylle playnte or information or otherwise, in whirhe action or suite the defendaunt shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any essoen or protection shal be vnto the defendant allowed in that behalfe.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAY, that this acte extende not to charge the lorde owner or owners of any parke or grounde inclosed within the counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the byshopriche of Durham, nor any of them, to kepe any mares for any parke or parkes, grounde or groundes enclosed, as is afore sayde, lyenge in the sayde counties of Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the byshopryche of Durham, other wyse thanne they haue or myghte haue daue before the makynge of this act: Nor also shall extende to charge the lordes owner or owners of any parke or parkes or groundes enclosed, with the fyndynge of any mares, tharbage of whiche parke or parkes, is cōmon to the

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tenaunntes and inhabytaunntes of the townshyppes nexte adioynynge to the same parhe or parhes, any thyng in this present acte made to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also, that euery spirituall persone and persones, charged and chargeable by this acte with the fyndynge of mares, may lawfully bargain and sell the increase and breede of their sayde mares: any acte or actes hereto fore made to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte agaynste vnlawfull exactions and bylages taken and vsed in the forestes of Wales. Cap. vii.

WHere dyuers and many forestes be in wales and the marches of the same, as well of the inheritaunce and possessions of our souereigne lord the kyng, as of diuers others being lordes marchers: within whiche forestes certayne vnreasonable customes and exactions haue ben of longe tyme vnlawfully exacted and vsed, contrary both to the lawe of god and man, to the extreme wronge and great impouerishynge of dyuers of the kynges trewe subiectes: The effecte of whiche sayd vnlauful exactions and customes be hereafter declared, that is to witte, it hath ben there vnlaufully vsed, that if it fortuned any of the kynges subiectes to passe go or ride throughe or in any waye or pathe of any of the sayde forestes, not haueynge vpon hym or them, that so shall fortune to passe go or ryde, a token delyuered to hym or them by the chiefe forresters rulers walkers or fermers, the whiche token shalbe well knowen amongest all them that are walkers and rulers vnder hym or them: Or that he or they that so shal fortune to passe go or ryde in or throute any of the sayde forestes be not yerely tributers or chenslers: thenne he or they, so goynge rydynge or trauaylynge in or throute any of the sayde forestes, haueynge no token, nor beinge yerely tributours or chenslers, as is afore sayde, haue vsed to pay by vnlaufull exaction vnto the sayde forresters rulers walkers & fermers of the sayde forestes, a greuous fyne or rewarde. And if any person or persons, not haueynge suche token or tokens, and not beinge a yerely tributour, or a chensler as is afore sayde, shulde happen to be taken founde, or espied by any of the sayd forresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assygnes by the space of .xviii. fote out of the hyghe waye: then he or they, so beinge taken founde or espied out of the hyghe waye, within any of the sayde forestes, as is afore sayde, to forfayte and loose vnto the sayde forresters, rulers, walkers, and fermers, all suche moneye and golde, as shoulde be thenne founde vpon hym or them, soo beynge taken in any of the sayde forestes, oute of the hyghe waye, as is afore sayde. And also the same person or persons so beinge taken or founde out of the hyghe waye, to forfaite and lose a foote of one of his or their handes, onles to make fyne therfore with the sayde forresters rulers walkers and fermers, at the wylle

and pleasure of the sayd rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beaste or quicke catell to come go or escape into any of the sayde forestes by straye, or theefe stolen, or otherwise, the said foresters rulers walkers or fermers, after knowlege to hym or them gyuyn, haue lykewyse vnlaufully vsed to sease and take the same beaste or cattelle, as his or theyr owne, and marke them with the marke of their forest, there vsed: and so seased marked taken and then retayned as catell forfaited vnto their owne vse: by reason wherof the owner & owners of the same catell haue ben clere without remedie for the haynge agayne of the saide catelle, excepte onelye by way of redemption, or byenge agayne of their owne catell, contrary to all equite and conscience. In consideration wherof it may please the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporalle, and the commons at this present parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same to enacte ordeygne and establyshe, that from the feaste of the Natiuitie of saynete Jhon Babtyste nexte commynge, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde. M. D. XXXVI. all the sayde vnlawfull customes to be determined, hayde, and had for nought throut all and euery of the sayde forestes, within Wales and the marches of the same: And that it shalbe lawfulle from thensforth to all and euery of the kynges trewe subiectes, and al other person or persons bynge in lege and amitie with our souerayne lorde the kynge, his heires and successours kynges of Englande, freely quietely and in peace to passe and repasse, trauayle and go into and throute the sayde forestes and euery of them bothe on horsebacke and on foote, as well folowynge and dryuinge of catell as with cartége of wares, or otherwise aboute their laufull busines and affaires, without any fine forfayture tolle custome exaction or other impositon, to be taken exacted, or demaunded of them or of any of them, by the sayd fosters, rulers walkers fermers or their assignes. And if it shall chaunce or happen any of the sayd fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes or any of them, at any tyme after the sayde feaste of saynete Jhon Baptiste, to take any person or persons beinge the kynges trewe subiectes, or otherwise in lege & amitie with our said souerain lord his heires or successours kinges of Englande, as is aforesayde, and exacte and take of theym or of anye of theym any of the sayde forfaytures fines tolles customes or exactions, as is aboue mentyoned, and be therof lawefullye conuicted: that thenne he or they soo doynge and offendynge contrary to this acte, to incurre and stande in the daungers of the estatute here to fore prouyded for robberies by the kynges highe way: and the same to be tried before the Justices of the peace in the nexte shyre adioynaunte, accordynge to the lawe of this realme of Englande.

AND FVRTHER BE IT ENACTED, by the auctorytie aforesayd, that if any maner of beaste or quicke cattel of any of the kinges true subiectes or others the kynges frendes, atte any tyme after the sayde feaste of the Natyuitie of saynete Jhon Baptyste, to come into any of the sayde forestes by strayes, theefe stollen or otherwise, and there to be marked

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and ſeaſed by any of the ſayd foreſters rulers walkers fermers or theyr aſſignes, or any of them, and the owner or owners of the ſame catel within one yere and a day than nexte enſuinge chance to finde the ſayde catell ſo taken, and lawfully proue the ſame to be his or their owne propre catell: that then the ſame catell to be redelyuered to the owner or owners therof, accordinge to the auncent lawe of this realme of Englande, the ſayde owner or owners reaſonably payenge for the kepinge of ſuche catell, after the rate of the tyme that ſuche catell ſhall haue ben in the cuſtody and keppinge of any ſuche foreſters rulers walkers and fermers or his or their aſſignes, in ſuch maner and fourme, as heretofore hath benne in lyke caſe vſed to be done by the lawe of this realme of eſtrayed catelle, claymed and proued by the owners, within a yere and a day nexte after the ſeaſynge of the ſame catell. And if any of the ſaid foſters rulers walkers fermers their aſſignes or any of the do deny the redeliueraunce of any ſuche catel, by them or any of them ſo ſeaſed & marked within any of the ſayd foreſtes, after the owner or owners of them ſhal haue bewely & lawfully proued them to be his or theyr owne propre goodes & catelles, as is aforeſayde, that then euery ſuche foreſter ruler walker fermer or aſſignes ſo doinge and offendynge contrary to this acte, to forfaite and pay vnto the partie greued the double value of all ſuche catell, as ſhall be ſo taken and marked, and not redelyuered to the owner or owners, as is aforeſayde: And ỹ the partie greued may haue his action of detinue at the comō lawe of and for the ſame catell, againſte euery ſuche offender or offenders, and the ſame to be tried in thenexte ſhyre adioynante: in whiche action the defendaunt ſhall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor eſſoen nor protection ſhalbe allowed for them: And lyke proces of outlagarye to be hadde and made in the ſayde action of detinue in the nexte ſhere adioynaunt againſte euery foreſter ruler walker fermer or theyr aſſygnes, ſo offendynge contrary to the tenour of this acte, as in an action of treſpas at the common lawe of this realme is vſed.

## CAn acte that the kynges ſpiritualle ſubiectes ſhall paye no tenthe of their ſpiritual promotions for that fyrſte yere, for whyche they paye theyr fyrſte fruites. Cap. viii.

WHere by a late acte made in this parlyament for and concernynge the graunte made to the kynges hyghnes of the tenth of the yerely value of al ſpiritual poſſeſſions of this realme, and of the fyrſt frutes therof, there appereth by the wordis of the ſayd acte, that prelates and al other incumbētis be charged to the payment of the tenthe that ſhall be due to the kinges hyghenelle, in and for the fyrſte yere that they ſhall be elected, pre-

fected, preſented, collated, or admytted to any dignities benefices or other promotions ſpirituall, and for the ſame firſt yere ſhall alſo pay the hole firſt fruytis of their ſayde dignities, benefyces, and promocyons, whiche is a dowble charge. For reformation wherof, the kynges hyghneſſe for therentier and harty loue that his grace beareth to the prelates and other incumbentes, chargeable to the payemente of the ſayde tenthe and fyrſte fruytes, of his excellent goodneſſe is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by auctorytie of this preſent parlyament, that whanne ſo euer any perſone or perſonnes, frome the fyrſte daye of Maye, whyche ſhall be in the yere of our lorde god a thouſande fyue hundrede thyrty and fyue, ſhall be named, prefected, preſented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebyſſhoprych, Byſſhoprych, abbacye, monaſterye, prorye, colledge, hoſpytalle, archedeacontye, deantye, prouoſtſhyppe, prebende, perſonage, vicarage, chauntrie, freechapell, or other dygnitie, benefyce, or promotion ſpirytuall, by vertue wherof, they ſhall be chargeable or chargeable, as welle for the payement of the tenthe of euery of the ſaide archebyſſhoprych, byſſhoprych, abbacye, monaſterye, prorie, colledge, hoſpytalle, archedeacontye, deantye, prouoſtſhyppe, prebende, perſonage, vycarage, chauntrye, freechapelle, or other dygnytie, benefyce, or promotion ſpirituall, as with the payement of the fyrſte fruites of the ſame, and euery of the ſame, ſhall atte his or theyr compoſition, agreement, or entree into ſpecialtie or ſpecialties, for the payemente of the ſayde fyrſte fruites, haue allowaunce and deduction of the ſayde tenthe parte of the holle, out of the ſumme to be payde for the ſayde fyrſte fruites for the yere wherin he or they ſhall be firſte nominated, prefected, preſented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted, to haue any of the ſayd dignyties, benefyces offyces or other promotions ſpirituall, accordynge to the iuſte eſtymacion, and aſſeſſement of the tenthe of euery of the ſayde archebyſſhoprych byſſhoprych abbacie monaſterye prioꝛie colledge hoſpitalle archedeacontye deantye prouoſtſhyp prebende perſonage vycarage chantry freechapell or other dignitie, benefyce, office, or promotion ſpirituall within this realme or elles where within any of the kynges dominions, of what name nature or qualitie ſoo euer they be, or to whoſe foundation patronage or gyfte ſoo euer they belonge, nowe beynge enrolled, or that hereafter ſhall be enrolled in the kynges Eſchequier, or in any other the kynges courtis of Recorde.

AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED, that euery commiſſioner or commyſſyoners, or other the kynges offycers or mynyſters, or anye other perſonne or perſonnes, whyche eyther by auctorytie of anye acte of parlyamente, or by Commyſſyon or Commyſſyons, vnder the kynges greatte Seale, or otherwyſe by his gracis commaundemente, or by the commaundemente of ſuche as by his hyghneſſe ſhall be auctoryſed for that purpoſe, be appoynted aſſigned or deputed, or that hereafter

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tion ſpirituall, the tenth parte of the hole, as is afoꝛeſayde, out of the ſame
fyꝛſte fruites foꝛ the yere, wherin he oꝛ they ſhall be fyꝛſt nompnated pꝛefec-
ted pꝛeſented collated oꝛ by any other meanes appoynted vnto euery of the
ſame, as is afoꝛeſayde, without any farther ſuite to be made to the kynges
hyghnes, and without impoſition exaction oꝛ other charge to be in any wiſe
demaunded oꝛ exacted of the perſone oꝛ perſonnes ſo pꝛeferred, foꝛ the allo-
wance vnto them of the ſayde tenth, foꝛ the ſayd fyꝛſt yere in fourme aboue
expꝛeſſed: any thynge oꝛ thynges in the ſayde acte of the graunt of the ſaid
tenth and fyꝛſt fruites to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaide, that all and euery per-
ſon and perſonnes, that vpon his oꝛ theyꝛ compoſition and agrement foꝛ the
fyꝛſte fruites, ſhalbe defalked and allowed the tenthe parte of the hole ſome
of his oꝛ theyꝛ dignities benefices offices oꝛ pꝛomotions ſpirituall, foꝛ the
yere wherin he oꝛ they ſhall be fyꝛſte nominated pꝛefected pꝛeſented collated
oꝛ by any other meanes appoynted vnto any of the ſame, as is aboue ſayde,
ſhall yelde and paye the ſayde tenthe part vnto the kynges mateſtie his hei-
res and ſucceſſours, the ſayde fyꝛſte yere in lyke maner and fourme, and at
ſuche daye as is lymitted in the ſayde acte of the graunte of the ſayde tenthe
and fyꝛſte fruytes: any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrarye not
withſtandynge.

¶ Be it farther enacted by the auctoꝛitie afoꝛeſaid, that in ſuch caſes, where
the ſucceſſour of any incumbent ſhall be chargeable to the payment of ſuche
ſommes of money, as ſhall be due of and foꝛ the ſayde tenthe, that ſhall hap
pen to be behynd vnpayd in the tyme oꝛ lyfe of his pꝛedeceſſour, there euery
ſuch ſucceſſour may laufully diſtrayn ſuch goodes and catals of his pꝛede-
ceſſour, as ſhal happen to be and remayne in and vpon the dignitie benefice
oꝛ pꝛomotion ſpirituall, of the whiche the ſame tenth was behynde and vn-
payde in the lyfe oꝛ tyme of his pꝛedeceſſour: and to retayne the ſayde goodes
and catalles tyll ſuche tyme as the ſayde pꝛedeceſſour, if he be alyue, and if
he be deed, then his executours oꝛ adminiſtratours, oꝛ ſuch other, to whom
his goodes and catalles ſhulde appertayne, haue fully ſatiſfied & paid ſuch
ſumes of money, as ſhal ſhappen to be behinde & vnpayed of the ſayd tenthe.
And in caſe the ſaid pꝛedeceſſour, his executours adminiſtratours, oꝛ ſuche
other, to whom his goodes oꝛ catalles ſhulde appertayne, within .xii. dayes

nerte after the distresse therof, do not satisfye the sayde sommes of money, beinge behinde of the sayd tenth, as is afore sayd: that then for suche defaute of patment it shalbe lawful to euery such successour to cause the said goodes and catalles so distreined, to be prysed by two or thre indifferent personnes, to be swone for the same: And accordynge to the same apprysynge to sell so moche therof, as shall amounte as well to the full satysfaction of the sayde sommes of money, being behynde and vnpayed of the saide tenth, in the tyme or tyme of his predecessour, as for the reasonable costis, that shalbe spent by occasion of distreignynge and apprysynge of the same goodes and catalles. And in case no sufficient goodes and catalles may be found in or vpon such dignities, benefices, or promotions spiritual, for the satisfaction of the sayd tenth, beinge behynde vnpayde, as is aboue sayde, that then the predecessour, by whom suche tenthe was due to be payde, if he be alyue: and if he be deed, than his executours admynistratours and other, to whom his goodes and catalles shall appertayne or belonge, shalbe compelled to the paymente of the said tenth beinge behynde and vnpaide, as is afore sayde by bill to be pursued in the kynges Chauncery by the successour that shal be chargeable for the same, or els by action or playnt of dette to be taken or commenced by suche successour by order of the common lawes.

## An acte wherby all bouchers be lycenced to sell flesshe by retayle vnto the xxiiii. day of Aprill, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. X L. Cap. ix.

Where in this present parlyament begunne at London the. iii. day of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiorned to westm, & there by dyuers prorogations hytherto continued, in one session there holden the. xxiiii. yere of our said soueraine lordes reigne amongest dyuers beneficiall estatutes there made, it was enacted, that euery person which did sel after the fyrst day of August in the sayd. xxiiii. yere, any beaffe porke mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, shulde sell the same by laufull weight called haberdepoys, and none otherwise, after the price in the same acte conteyned and especified: as in the same acte more playnly is conteined. And where afterwardes for so moche as sufficient auctorite was nat gyuen by the sayd act to the Justices of the pece, maires, baylyffes, sheriues, & other officers rehersed in the saide former acte to punyshe the offenders, and suche other as wolde not sell by weyght accordynge to the force of the said act: at an other session holden in in the. xxv. yere of our sayd soueraigne lordes reigne, it was than by an other estatute enacted, that from the. xx. day of Febuary, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. X X X I I I. it shulde be laufull to all and euery mayres, sheryffes, constables, baylyffes and other gouernours of cities, boroughes and market townes, as well within liberties as without, to whom any com

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playnt shuld be made vpon any boucher his wyfe seruantis or other his ministers, refusyng to sell the said vitayles by trewe and lauful weight, accordynge to the tenour of the said former acte, not onely to commytte euery suche boucher or other suche offender to warde, there to remayn without batle or maynprise, vnto suche tyme as they and euery of them shall haue payde all the forfaitures and penalties comprised in the saide former acte: but also euery of the said Mayres and other hed officers and theyr deputies shuld sell or cause to be solde all suche vitayles by trewe weyght and for redy money, as in the sayd act made in the sayd.xxv. yere more at large is expressed. The kynges hyghnes well considerynge the great darth of all maner of vitayles, whiche be now and syns the makynge of the sayd estatutes hath fallen and happened within this his realme, as well by morreyne and deathe of suche catell, as by great waters and vnseasonable wethers, wherby the brede and encreace of the same is moch empayred and minished: in such wise that if the said former estatutes were put in execution, the bouchers and sellers of such vytailes were not able to lyue, nor that his commons shulde be well serued therof: the scarsytie of the same consydered, by his accustomed goodnes the premysses consyderynge, is contented by thassent of his maiestie, with the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in this his presente parlyamente assembled, and byauctoritie of the same, that it be ordeyned establysshed and enacted, that from the. xii. daye of Apryll, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. vnto the. xxiiii. day of Aprell, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XL. all bouchers and other sellynge fleshe by retayle, maye lawfully kylle and sell all maner bieffe porke mutton and veale, being good and holsome for mans body at their pleasures and lyberties, as frely and lyberally as they or any of them dyd or myght haue done at any tyme before the makynge of the sayde estatutes, made in the. xxiiii. and. xxv. yere of our sayde soueraygne lordes reigne, without any losse, peyne, imprisonment, forfayture or penaltie, to be by them or any of them, or the successours of them or any of them, had lost born or sustayned in that behalf, durynge the tyme before lymitted, The same estatutes made in the said. xxiiii. & xxv. yere or eyther of them, or any clause sentence forfayture peyne losse or any other thyng in them or any of them to the contrary in any wise not withstanding: And that the same estatutes & eyther of them, & euery clause sentence and article in them and eyther of them conteyned, shalbe in suspēce & not put in execution durynge the sayde tyme. And where also by an nother estatute made in the sayde. xxv. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne lorde, it was enacted, that no fuckynge calues, whiche shuld happe to falle or be calued betwene the firste daye of Januarye than next ensuinge, and the fyrst day of May, durynge two hole yeres nexte after folowyng, shuld be kylled and put to sale by any bouchers or other person, hole or by retayle, to any person or persons, durynge the saide two yeres, vpon the paynes conteyned in the sayde estatute, as by the same estatute more playnely appereth: The kyng our soueraygne lorde of his excellent

cellent goodnes, to thentent that his louing subiectis shuld be the better pro-
uyded of the more plentie of vitaylles ayenst this holy tyme of easter next co-
mynge, is also contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that al
bouchers and other sellyng fleshe by retaile, may lawfully from the said .xii.
day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. durynge two
hole yeres then nexte ensuinge, kyll and sel calues hole or by retayle at their
pleasures and liberties, without any losse payne domage penaltie or forfai-
ture by them or any of them to be had susteyned or loste in that behalfe, The
sayde estatute made for kyllynge of calues to endure for two yeres, or anye
thynge in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.
¶ And be it further enacted by the sayd auctoritie, that the sayde acte made
for the kyllynge of calues shall begynne to take effecte the fyrst day of Janu-
ary, the whiche shal be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIX. and
from thensforth to endure and continue two hole yeres, than next & immedi-
ately ensuinge, any thynge conteined in this present act to the contrary not
withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte expressynge an order for vses and wylles. Cap. x.

Where by the common lawes of this realme landes tenemen-
tes & hereditamētes be not diuisible by testamēt nor ought
to be transferred from one to an other, but by solēne liuery
and season, matter of recorde, writinge sufficient, made bo-
na fide withoute couyne or fraude: yet neuertheles diuers
and sondry imaginations, subtile inuentions, and prac-
tises haue ben vsed: wherby the hereditamentes of this
realme haue ben conueied from one to an other by fraudulent feoffementes
fines recoueries and other assurances craftily made, to secrete vses intentes
& trustis, and also by willes and testamētis, somtyme made by nude parolx &
wordes, somtyme by signes and tokens, and sometyme by wryting, & for the
most part made by suche persons as be visited with sykenes in their extreme
agonies and peynes, or at suche tyme as they haue hadde scantly any good
memorie or remembrance: At whiche tymes they beinge prouoked by gredy
and couetous persons, lienge in awayt about them, do many tymes dispose
indiscretely and vnaduisedly their landes and inheritances: By reson wher-
of, and by occasion of whiche fraudulent feoffementis, fynes, recoueries, &
other lyke assurances to vses, confidences and trustes, diuers and many hei-
res haue ben iniustly at sondry tymes disherited, the lordes haue loste their
wardes, mariages, reliefes, harriottis, eschetes, aides pur faire fitz chiualer
et pur file marier, and scantly any persone can be certaynly assured of any
landes by them purchased, nor knowen surely agayn whome they shall vse
theyr actions or executions for theyr ryghtes titles and duities: Also men
maryed haue loste theyr tenauncies by the courtesye, women theyr dowers,
manyfest periuries by triall of suche secrete wylles and vses haue ben com-
mytted:

mytted: The kynges highnesse hath loste the profyttes and aduauntages of the landes of persones attepnted, and of the landes craftely put in feffemente to the vses of aliens borne, and also the profittes of waste for a yere and a day, of landes of felons attepnted, and the lordes their escheates therof: and many other inconuenientes haue happened and daply do encrease amonge the kynges subiectes, to their great trouble and inquietnes, and to the vtter subuersion of the auncient common lawes of this realme. For the extirpinge and extinguishemente of all suche subtyll practyses feffementes, fines, recoueries, abuses and errours, heretofore vsed & accustomed in this realme, to the subuersion of the good and auncient lawes of the same, and to thintent that the kynges highnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in any wise here after by any meanes or invencions be deceyued damaged or hurted by reason of suche trustes vses or confidences, it maye please the kynges moste royall maiestie, that it may be enacted by his highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge: that is to saye, that where any person or persones stande or be seased, or at any tyme here after shal happen to be seased of and in any honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuertions remaynders or other hereditamētes, to the vse confidence or trust of any other person or persones, or of any body politike, by reason of any bargayne sale feffement fine recouery couenant contracte agrement wyl or otherwyse, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in euery suche case all and euery suche person and persons, and bodies politike, that haue or hereafter shall haue any suche vse, confidence, or truste, in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or of yeres, or otherwyse: or any vse confidence or truste in remainder or reuerter, shall from henceforth stonde and be seased demed and adiudged in lawfull seson estate and possession of and in the same honors castels manors lādes tenemētes rētes seruices reuertions remainders & hereditamentes, with their appurtenances to al intentes cōstructiōs & purposis in the law of & in such like estatis as they had or shal haue in vse truste or confidence of or in the same. And that the estate title right and possession, that was in suche person or persones, that were or here after shall be seased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to the vse confidēce or truste of any suche person or persones, or of any body politike, be frome henceforth clerely demed and adiudged to be in hym or thē that haue or here after shall haue suche vse confydence or truste, after suche qualytie maner fourme and condicion, as they had before in or to the vse confidence or trust that was in them.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that where dyuers and many persones be or here after shall happen to be ioyntly seased of and in any landes tenementes rentes reuertiōs remaynders or other hereditamentes, to thuse confidence or truste of any of them that be so ioyntely seased, that in euery such case, that those person or persons, which haue or here after

after shall haue any suche vse confidence or truste in any suche landes tenementes rentes reuercions remaynders or hereditamentes, shall from hensforth haue and be demed and adiudged to haue onely to hym or theym, that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, suche estate possession and season of and in the same landes tenementes rentes reuercions remaynders or other hereditamentes in lyke nature maner fourme condicyon and course, as he or they hadde before in thuse confydence or truste of the same landes tenementes or hereditamentes: sauynge and reseruynge to all and syngular personnes and bodyes polytyke, their heires and successours, other than those person or persones, whiche be seased or hereafter shall be seased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any vse, confidence or truste, all suche right title entre enterest possession rentes and action, as they or any of them had or myght haue hadde before the makynge of this acte.

¶ And also sauynge to all and syngular those persons, and to theyr heyres which be or hereafter shalbe seased to any vse, al such former right title entre enterest possession, rentes, customes, seruices, and action, as they or any of them myght haue had to his or their owne proper vse in or to any manours landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, wherof they be or hereafter shall be seased to any other vse, as if this present acte had neuer ben had nor made, any thynge conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstādynge.

¶ And where also dyuers psons stand & be seised of & in any londes tenementes or hereditamentes, in fee symple or otherwise, to the vse or intent that some other person or persons shal haue and perceyue yerely to them and to their heyres one annuell rent of tenne poundes or more or lesse, out of the same landes and tenementes, and some other person one other annuell rent to hym and his assignes for terme of lyfe, or yeres, or for some other speciall tyme, accordynge to suche intent and vse, as hath bene heretofore declared ymitted and made therof: Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aforsaid, that in euery such case the same persons their heyres and assignes, that haue suche vse and intereste to haue and perceyue any suche annuell rentis out of any landes tenementes or hereditamentis, that they & euery of them their heyres and assignes be adiudged and demed to be in possession and seasone of the same rent or and in suche lyke estate as they had in the title interest or vse of the sayd rent or profyte, and as if a sufficient graunt or other lawfull conueyance had be made and executed to them by suche as were or shall be seased to the vse or intent of any suche rent to be hadde made or payde accordynge to the very trust and intent therof. And that all and euery suche person and personnes as haue or hereafter shall haue any title vse and intrest in or to any suche rent or profyte, shall lawfully distreyne for none payment of the sayde rente, and in theyr owne names make aduowries, or by their Baylyffes or seruauntes make conysaunces & Justyfications, & haue all other suites entrees and remedyes for suche rentes, as if the same rentis hadde be actually and really graunted to theym with sufficient clauses of

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distresse reentre or other wyse accordynge to suche condicions peynes or other thynges lymitted and appoynted vpon the truste and intente for payement or suretie of suche rente.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite afore sayd, that where as dyuers persones haue purchased or haue estate made and conueyed of and in diuers landes tenementes and hereditamentes vnto thē and to theyr wifes and to the heyres of the husbande, or to the husbande and to the wyfe, and to the heires of their two bodies begoten, or to the heires of one of theyr bodies begoten, or to the husbande and to the wyfe for terme of theyr lyues, or for terme of life of the saide wife: Or where any suche estate, or purchace of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes hath benne, or here after shall be made to any husbād and to his wyfe, in māner and fourme aboue expressed, or to any other person or persons, and to theyr heyres and assignes, to the vse and behoue of the sayde husbande and wyfe, or to the vse of the wife, as is before rehersed, for the ioynter of the wife: that then in euery suche case, euery woman maried, haynge suche ioynter made or hereafter to be made, shall not clayme nor haue title to haue any dower of the residue of the landes tenementes or hereditamentes that at any tyme were her sayde husbandes, by whom she hath any suche ioynter, nor shall demaunde nor clayme her dower of and agaynste theym that haue the landes and inheryttaunces of her sayde husbande. But if she haue no suche ioynter, then she shalbe admytted and inhabeled to pursue haue and demaunde her dower by wryte of dower, after the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme: this act or any law or prouysiō made to the contrary therof notwithstādyng.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that if any suche woman be laufully expulsed or euicted frome her sayde ioynter, or frome any parte therof, without any fraude or couine by laufull entre action or by discontinuance of her husband: then euery suche woman shalbe endowed of as moche of the residue of her husbandes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof she was before dowable, as the same landes and tenementes, so euicted and expulsed, shall amounte or extende vnto.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned or expressed, extende or be in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to any woman or women heretofore beinge maried, of for or concernynge such right title vse interest or possession, as they or any of them haue clayme or pretende to haue for her or theyr ioynter or dower, of in or to any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes of any of theyr late husbandes, beynge nowe deed or deceased, any thynge conteyned in this act to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that if any wife haue or here after shal haue any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, vnto her gyuen or assured after mariage for terme of her lyue, or other wyse in ioynter, except the same assurance be to her made by acte of parlyament, and the said wyfe after that fortune to ouerlyue the same her husband, in whose tyme the sayd ioynter was

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made or assured vnto her, that then the same wyfe, soo ouerlyuinge, shall and may at her lybertie, after the death of her sayde husbande refuse to haue and take the landes and tenementes, so to her gyuen appoynted or assured duryngе the couerture, for terme of her lyfe or otherwise in ioynter: except the same assuraunce be to her made by acte of parlyamente, as is afore sayde, and therupon to haue aske demande & take her dower by writte of dower or otherwyse accordynge to the common lawe, of and in all suche landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, as her husbande was and stode seased of any estate of inheritaunce, at any tyme durynge the couerture, any thynge conteyned in this act to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also that this present acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, extend, nor be at any tyme hereafter interpretated expounded or taken to extincte release discharge or suspende any statute, reconisaunce, or other bonde by the execution of any estate of or in any landes tenemētis or hereditamētis by thauctorite of this acte, to any person or persons, or bodyes polytyke: any thynge conteyned in this act to the contrary therof not withstandynge.

¶ And for as moch as gret ambiguites & doubtes may arise of the validite and inualidite of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, to the great trouble of the kynges subiectes, the kynges most royal maiestie myndynge the tranquillitie and reste of his louing subiectes, of his most excellent and accustomed goodnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thauctoritie of this present parlyament, that all maner tour and iuste wylles and testamentes hertofore made by any person or persons deceassed, or that shall deceasse before the fyrste daye of May, that shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. of any londes tenementes or other hereditamentes, shall be taken and accepted good and effectuall in the lawe, after suche faschion maner and fourme as they were commonly taken and vsed at any tyme within fourty yeres next afore the makyng of this act: any thinge conteyned in this acte, or in the preamble therof, or any opinion of the common lawe to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that the kynges hyghnes, shall not haue demaunde or take any aduauntage or profite for or by occasion of the executinge of any estate onely by auctoritie of this acte, to any personne or personnes or bodies polytyke, whiche now haue, or on this syde the sayde fyrst day of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any vse or vses trustes or confidences in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kynges hyghnes, by reason of primer season, liuerie, vtter le mayne, fyne for alienation, reliefe or harriot: but that fines for alienations reliefes and harriottes shall be payde to the kynges hyghnes: And also liueries and oster le maynes shall be sued for vses trustes and confidences to be made and executed in possessyon, by auctoritye of this acte, after and from the sayde fyrste daye of Maye, of landes and tenementes, and other hereditamentes holden of the kynge in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes constructions and purposes as hath ben heretofore

tofore used or accustomed by thordet of the lawes of this realme.

¶ Prouided also, that no other persone or personnes or bodies politike, of whom any loudes tenementes or hereditamentes be or hereafter shalbe holden mediate or immediate, shall in any wyse demaunde or take any fine reliefe or harriot for or by occasion of the executinge of any estate by the auctoritie of this acte, to any persone or persones or bodies politike, before the sayd first day of May, which shalbe in ẏ yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXVI.

¶ And be it enacted, by auctoritie aforesayd, that all and synguler persone and persons, and bodies polytike, whiche at any tyme on this syde the sayd first day of May, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any estate vnto them executed of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentis, by the auctorite of this act, shal and may haue and take the same or lyke aduantage, benefite, voucher, ayde prayer, remedie, commoditie, and profite by action entree condicion or otherwise, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as the persone or persons seased to their vse of or in any suche landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, so executed had shulde wyght or ought to haue had at the tyme of the execution of the astate therof, by the auctoritie of this acte, agaynst any other person or persones of or for any waste, disseison, trespas, condicion broken, or any other offence cause or thinge concernynge or touchinge the said landes or tenementes, so executed by the auctoritie of this acte.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that actions nowe dependynge agaynst any person or persons, seased of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to any vse truste or confidence, shall not abate ne be discharged for or by reason of executynge of any estate therof by auctoritie of this acte, before the sayd firste day of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge. ¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, shall not be preiudicial to the kinges highnes for wardshyps of heires nowe beinge within age, nor for liuereis, or for ouster le mayns, to be sued by any person or persons nowe beinge within age, or of ful age, of any lādes or tenemētes vnto the same heire or heires now all redy descended: any thing in this act conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singuler recognisāces hertofore knowleged taken or made to the kinges vse for or concerning any recoueries of any lādes tenites or hereditamentis heretofore sued or had by writte or writtes of entre vpon disseison in le post, shall from hensforth be vtterly void & of none effect to all intentes constructions and purposes. ¶ Prouided also that this act, nor any thing therin conteined, be in any wise preiudicial or hurtfull to any persone or persons, borne in wales, or the marches of the same, whiche shal haue any estate to them executed by auctoritie of this act in any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes within this realme, wherof any other persone or personnes nowe stande or be seased to the vse of any such person or persons borne in wales,

or the marche of the same: but that the same persone or persones being in wales or the marches of the same, shall or may lawfully have retayne & kepe the same landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereof estate shall be so vnto them executed by the auctorite of this acte, according to the tenor of the same, any thinge in this acte conteyned, or any other act or prouision heretofore had or made to the contrary not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte concernynge clerkes of the signet and priue seale. Cap. xi.

Where as the kinges clerkes of his gracious signet and priue seale, giuinge their daily attendances for the passing and writinge of his maiesties greatte and weighty affaires and the causes of this his realme, hauyng for their retentynementes and their clerkes, no fees nor wages certayn for those offices, other than such fees as cometh & groweth of the said signet & priue seale: To the intente that from hensforth they shulde not by any maner of meanes be defeated of any parte or portion of the same their fees, Be it therfore ordeyned establysshed enacted by the consent and assent of the lordis spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all and euery gyfte graunte, and other writynge, whiche shall be made or gyuen in writting by the kynges highnes, or any his most noble progenitte, to any person or persons, signed with his gracis signe, or the signe or signes manuel of any of them, to be passed vnder any his gracis great isles of England, Ireland, duchie of Lancastre, or of any his highnes countries palatines or principalites of wales, or by other processe out of the kynges quier, after the xb. day of Aprill, in the xxvii. yere of his moste noble reigne. And that all and euery gyftes grauntes and other writinges, of what name or names, qualitie or qualities so euer the same be, or hereafter shall be named demed or called, whiche the maister of the kynges wardes, or generall surueyours of the kynges landes for the tyme beinge, or any other officers or officers, that nowe be or hereafter shall be made, shall by vertue of any acte of parlyamente, or any the kynges grauntes to them or any of them made, or hereafter to be made in that behalfe, gyue graunte or make vnder the forsayd xb. day of Aprill, to any person or persons in the kinges name to be passed vnder any his maiesties seles, be in any wise first & before the same graunt or any of them be passed vnder any the kynges saide seales, or other processe made of the same, brought and delyuered to the kinges principall secretarie, or to one of the kinges clerkes of his gracis signet for the tyme beinge, to be at the said office of the signet passed accordingly.

¶ And be it also ordeyned & enacted by thauctorite aforsaid, that one of the clerkes of the said signet, to whom any the sayd writinges, signed with the kynges moste gracious hande, or the hande of any other aforesaid, or any of them

them fortune to be delyuered, may and shall by warrant of the same bylles and euery of them, within the space of viii. dayes next after he shal haue receyued the same, oneles he haue knowlege by the said Secretarie, or otherwyse of the kinges pleasure to the contrary, make or cause to be made in the kynges name letters of warrantie, subscribed with the hande of the same clerke, and sealed with the kynges signet to the lorde keper of the kynges priue seale for further proces to be had in that behalfe. And that one of the kinges clerkes of the said priue seale, vpon due examination had by the sayde lorde keper of the sayde priue seale of the sayde warrantie to hyme addressed from the office of the said signet as afore, may and shal within the space of viii. dayes nexte after he shall haue receyued the same, oneles the lorde keper of the priue seale do gyue them commaundement to the contrary, make or cause to be made by warrante of the forsaid warrant to the sayd lorde keper of the priue seale addressed from the office of the signet aforesayd, other letters of lyke warrantie, subscribed with the name of the same clerke of the priue seale to the lorde chauncellour of Englande, lorde keper of the great seale, chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaster, chauncellour of the kynges lande of Irelande, Treasourer and chamberlaynes of the eschequier, and chamberlayns of any his counties palantines or primepalitie of Wales, or other officer, and to euery of them, for the writinge and enseallyng with the seales as remayne in their custody, of letters patente or closed, or other procesle makynge, due and requisite to be had or made vppon any the sayde graunte, accordynge to the tenour of the warrante to them or any of them directed from the office of the priue seale, as is before specified.

And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that no maner clerke or clerkes, or other person or persons, do write or make any maner writinge warraunt or warrauntis vppon any maner gyfte or graunte, made by the kynges highnesse, or by any other his greacis officers, as aforesayde, or procure the same or any of the same to be passed vnder any the seales aforesaid, after any other sorte maner or facyon, or by any other warraunte or warrauntes, than as before is specified and declared, vppon peyne to forfayte for euery bylle, warraunte, or writynge, passed contrarye to the order before ymytted and prescribed, the somme of. x. pounde sterlynge: The one halfe thereof to be to our souerayngne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to hym that shall fyrste sewe for the same by accyon of Dette, writte, bylle, playnte, or informacion in any of the kynges Courtis: in whiche accion or suite no essoyne, protection, priuilege, nor wager of la we shall be admytted: any maner acte statute prouision proclamation, or other ordinance here to fore had or made contrary to this present acte, or any artycle of the same in any wyse not withstandynge.

And neuer the lesse be it also enacted, that euery of the said clerkes or other person, which shall passe in writing, or procure to be passed in writinge any graunt or grauntes by immediate warrant, wherfore fees be payde at the greatte Seale, shall of the partyes receyue for the offyces of the sayde

signet and priuie seale as well suche fees as in this acte is taxed for writyng of any suche graunt or other writinges, as also the fees for the seale of the same: whiche fees and euery part and portion therof, the same clerke or clerkes, by whome any graunt shall passe in writinge by immediate warrante, shall vpon a byll of the hande of one of the sayd clerkes of the saide sygnet or priuie seale, delyuer vnto one of the same clerkes of the signet or priuie seale, within the space of thre monethes, nexte and immediatly ensuinge after the passinge and sealynge of any the said graunt or grauntes by immediate warraunt, vppon peyne of.x. li. sterlynge, to be by euery suche of the said clerkes or other persone, as shall offende, forfaited, to be leuied in forme aforesayde, as often as he or they shall offende contrarye to the meanynge of this acte.

¶ Prouided also, that this act, or any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wise preiudiciall to the lorde Treasorer of Englande for the tyme beinge, concernynge such warrantes or preceptes, as he by vertue of his office shall and may directe immediately to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or to any other person, for makynge out of the kynges grauntes or letters patentes, to any person or persons of any offices fermes of landes or tenementes, or of any other thinge belongynge to his nomination and disposition: but that as welle he may directe his sayde warrantis or preceptis for the causes aboue said, as also his clerke or clerkes, or other person may procure the same to be sealed vnder any of the seales aforesayde, withoute any warrant to be before or after sewed or opteyned vnder the kynges signet or priuey seale for the same, in as large and ample maner, and after suche sorte and facion, as he or they myghte haue done at any tyme before the makynge of this acte: any thynge in the same acte mencyoned to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that all and euery lease and leases of the kynges manors landes tenementes possessions or other profittes or hereditamentes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the duchie of Lancaster, out of the saide countie palantine, whiche the Chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaster for the tyme beinge, or the Chauncellour of the saide countie palantine for the tyme beinge, or eyther of them, shall herafter make or graunte in the name of the kynge our souerayne lorde, his heires or successours to any maner person or persons, shall and may passe and be passed vnder the seles of ye said duchie of Lancaster, or of the said coũtie palantyne of Lãcaster or of eyther of them in maner and forme as heretofore hath ben vsed & accustomede any thing in this present acte before made to the contrary not withstãdyng.

¶ Prouided also, that al and euery gift grant & patẽt of any maner office or offices, or any other thinge beinge, or whiche hereafter shall be in the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the sayde duchye of Lancaster, out of the sayde countie palantyne, the yerely wages or fees wherof amounteth not duer & aboue the value of.ii. pence by the day, shal and may passe & be passed by the said chancellour of ye duchy of Lãcaster, or by the said chãcellor of the

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saide countie palantine, or of eyther of them for the tyme beinge, in maner & fourme as heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed: any artycle or thynge in this present acte before made to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶AND to thintente that as well suche as nowe be or hereafter shall be mi-nysters and clerkes of the kynges signet and priuie seale, shulde haue and take honest and sufficient salarie and rewarde for the writinge of the sayde warrauntes to be by them made as aforesayd, as also the kynges moste lo-uynge faythfu ll and obedient subiectes, knowynge the certayne charges to be by them layde out for the wrytyng of the said warrantes, shuld nat by any maner exaction or other sinister meanes be constrayned by any the said cler-kes to pay more large and excessiue fees for the writynge of the same, than reason and conscience shal require: Be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all and euery clerke and clerkes of the said signet and priuie seale shall haue and take for his or their writinge of a warrant vpon a bylle for tailes of rewarde. xii.d. For the writyng of a warrant for the gyfte of euery office xx.d. For the writynge of a warraunt for a pension annuitie or wages. xx.d. For the writinge of a warrant for a speciall lyuerey, or other perpetuitie. vi. s. viii.d. For the writynge of a warrant vppon euery bylle for a congie de-sire royall assent restitution of temporalties donatiues aduocations, pre-sentations, or other ecclesiasticall mattier. iii. s. iiii.d. For the wrytynge of euery warrante vppon a placarde lycence pardon or shiresses rewarde. ii. s. For the writynge of euery warrant vpon a denyzen. iii.s.iiii.d. For the wri-tynge of a warrant for kepyng of an idiotte. xx.d. For the writinge of a war-rant for keppynge of a warde. iii.s. iiii.d.

¶And that no maner of clerke or clerkes of the signet or priuie seale afore-said, shall take for the writing of any maner warrant aboue specifyed, more large and ample fees, than before is prescribed and appoynted, vpon peyn of. x.li. sterlynge to be by hym forfayted, that shall offende contrarye to the trewe tenour and meanynge of the saide acte: the one halfe therof to be to the kyng our souerayn lorde, the other halfe to hym that shal fyrst sue for the same by byl action playnt or informacion in any of the kynges courtis: In which action or sute no essoen protection nor wager of law shalbe admitted.

¶Prouided also, that the lorde Chancellour of Englande for the time be-inge, shall and may at all tymes vse his discretion in passinge and spedyng any thinge by the great seale, and delyuering the same, without paying any fees for the great seale signet and priuie seale, as the case of necessitie shall require, and as hath ben accustomed. And that the clerkes for writing or pro curing such writinges and patentes by his cõmandment, shalbe discharged of all penalties expressed before in this acte, for not receyuynge and payeng fees to the signet and priuie seale, any thing in this act conteyned to the cõ-trarie hereof not withstandynge.

¶And be it furthermore enacted by the auctorite aforsaid, ꝑ this present act & euery part & parcel therof shal extende to the courte of augmentation of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, & bynd euery officer & officers, their clerkes

and mynisters, that nowe be & hereafter shalbe of the same courte, to thobseruation therof and of euery parte therof, for and concernynge the sealinge and writynge of any maner patente lease or other graunte, which vpon the kynges byll signed shall passe the great seale of the saime courte: any specyall wordes conteyned in the acte made in this presente Session for the stablyshement of the officers of the sayd court of thaugmentation, or any other act or prouision made to the contrary herof in any wise not withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED neuertheless, that this acte nor any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wise prejudiciall to any maner person or personnes, whom the kynges highnes shall by expresse cõmandment direct sende or appoynt to procure any thynge or thynges to be sealed with any his maiesties seales, for or concernyng his maiesties priuate affaires, or the affaires of his highnes realme: but that as wel the same person or psons, being appoynted by the kynges hyghnes as aforsayd, as also such officer and officers, as shal haue the keppyng of any the kynges seales, they? ministers and clerkes shall and maye seale write and delyuer, and procure the sealynge writynge and delyuerynge of any suche thynge or thynges, concernyng the kynges highnes affaires, as afore sayde, without beinge bounde to procure any maner warraunte, or payinge any maner fees at or to the signet or priuie seale for the same: so that the name or names of euery suche persone or personnes as shal procure the seling of any such thyng or thynges on the kynges behalfe, as afore sayde, be entred in the clerke of the Hanapers boke, after this sorte, *per, A. ad mandatum domini regis*: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the cõtrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that this act nor any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wyse prejudiciall to any maner person or personnes, whiche here after shall haue by the kynges highnes, or by any his maiesties officers, the graunt or lease of any maner ferme or fermes to be seled with any his highnes seales, the yerely rent wherof amounte the not aboue the somme of. vi. li. xiii. s. iiii. d. sterlynge: but that as wel euery suche person and persons, as officer and officers, hauyng the custody of such seale or seales, they? ministers and clerkes, maye write seale and delyuer, or procure the writynge sealynge and delyuerynge of any suche lease or leases, as afore sayde, without paying therfore any maner fees at or to the signet or priuey sele for the same any thing in this acte mentioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte for true makynge of wollen clothes. cap. xii.

FOr as moch as great infamy and sclander hath ryssen of late yeres in sondry outwarde parties beyonde the see, of the vntrue makynge of wollen clothes within this realme, to the great derogation of the common weale of the same, & to the no lyttell hynderaunce of the sale of the sayd cõmoditie. For remedy wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyngeous



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ſoueraygne lorde, the lordes ſpirytuall and tempozall, and the commons in this p̄ſent parlyamente aſſembled, and by auctozitie of the ſame, that after the feaſte of ſaynete Mighell tharchaungell nexte commynge, all and euery clothier within this realme, ſhall weaue oz cauſe to be wouen his oz their ſeuerall token oz marke in all and euery clothe, kerſey, and other clothes what ſo euer they be, made and wrought̄e to be vttered and ſolde. And whan any ſuche clothe ſhall be redy made and dreſſed to be put to ſale, euery of the ſame clothiers ſhall ſette his ſeale of leade vnto euery of the ſame his oz theyr clothes and kerſeys, in whiche ſeale of leade ſhall be conteyned the true and iuſte length of euery of the ſame clothes oz kerſeyes, as it ſhall be duly found by euery buyer of the ſame, vpon due p̄ofe therof to be tried by the water. And in caſe vp̄ō any ſuch p̄ofe to be made by any buyer of them at the water, there ſhalbe found leſſe oz ſmaller content in length, than is cōteyned and ſpecified in euery of their ſayd ſeales: than euery of the ſayd clothyers makynge ſuche defaulte ſhall leſe and forfaite vnto euery ſuch buyer of the ſame, the double value of ſo moche clothe as ſhall want and lacke of his ſayd content in length, at the onely ſyght and iugement of any two indifferent perſons, that ſhal meaſure the ſame clothes and kerſeys. And euery clothier ſendyng oz puttynge any of theyr clothes to ſale, before ſuch time as al and euery of the ſame clothes ſhalbe ſealed by the awnager of the ſame counties, where it ſhall chance any of the ſaid clothes ſo to be made: and alſo to be ordred and ſealed by euery of the ſayd clothiers in forme aforeſayd, ſhall leſe and forfayte his clothe oz clothes, what ſo euer they be, the one halfe therof ſhall be to the kynges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, and the other halfe to hym oz them that woll ſue for the ſame by bylle, playnt, action of dette oz otherwiſe: in whiche action no wager of lawe, eſſoen, oz p̄otection ſhall be allowed.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctozitie aforeſayd, that after the ſaid feaſt of ſaynct Mighell tharchangell, euery brode clothe ſhall conteyne in brede ſeuen quarters of a yarde within the liſtis at the leaſte, & to holde the ſame content alwayes if it be p̄oued at the water: The acte made in the fyrſt yere of the reigne of our ſaide ſouerayne lorde, that euery brode cloth ſhulde conteyne two yardes in brede within the liſtis, oz any other thinge therin conteyned, touchyng the keppynge of the ſame brede of two yerdes, in any wyſe not withſtandynge. And euery kerſey ſhall conteyn in brede one yarde within the liſtis at the leeſt, if it be p̄oued in the water: vpon peyne to forfaite for euery ſuche brode clothe. iii. s. iiii d. and for euery ſuch karſey. xx. d. To be recouered to the vſe of the kynges highnes, and of any other that woll ſue for the ſame in maner and forme before declared.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this preſent act extende not to any clothes, called ſet clothes, of all ſortes made in the countie of Suff. not exceedyng the price of. xl vi. s. viii. d. the clothe, nor to any clothes callyd Tauelſtockes, weſterne doſeynes, fryſes, kendals, cottons, and al maner of courſe clothes, made for lynynges. ¶ And be it further enacted by the ſayd auctorite, ꝑ the awnager

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of any countie shall not seale any of the sayde clothis with the kynges seale vntyll suche tyme as they and euery of them shalbe fyrste ordered and sealed with theyr contentis, accordynge to the true meanynge of this presente acte in fourme aforesayde, vpon peyne of lesynge of his office. And that no buyer of any of the sayde clothes or karseys, marked and sealed in fourme aforesayde, presume by any maner of slepyghte, meanes or ingynes, to drawe, pulle, or to stretche out any of the same clothes or karseyes, otherwyse than to make them euen after they be wette, and to agree with the contentes specified and conteyned in the seale of euery of the same clothes and karseys, as nere as they can, vpon peyne to forfayte the double value of euery clothe or karsey, so mysused contrary to the true intent and meanyng of this presente acte, To be leued to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, & of any other that will sue for the same, in lyke maner and fourme as is before declared.

¶ Prouided alway, that all clothe herafter made to be solde within the citie of worcetour, the townes of Droitwich, Euesham, Kedirminster, & Bromsgroue, in the countie of worcetour, shall be sealed with the seale of the searchers there, accordynge to an acte of parlyament in that behalfe prouided & made, the. xxb. yere of the reygne of our sayde souerayne lorde, and that the owners of the clothes made within the sayd citie and townes, shal not be compelled by this acte, to put theyr owne seales to any clothes there made, or here after to be made

## ¶ An acte that whyte wollen clothes of. iiii. li. and vnder: and colored clothes of. iii. li. and vnder, maye be from henseforth caried ouer the see. cap. xiii.

Where as by acte of parlyament, holden in the. b. yere of the reigne of our souerayne lorde the kyng that nowe is, it was ordeyned and enacted, that no wollen cloth aboue the price of fyue markes, shulde be conueyed ouer the see vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, vpon certayne penalties in the same acte expressed more at large. Whiche acte beinge put in execution, shall not onely redounde and tourne to the abatemētes of the kynges customes, but also growe to the vtter vndoing of his gracis subiectes, clothe makers and marchantes, conueyers of the said clothes: by reason that wolle is ryssen to a farre greatter price, than it was at the makynge of the forsayde acte. For where a clothe was than commonly solde at fyue markes, it is nowe solde for foure poundes. And also by force of the sayde acte, the marchantes shuld be bound to dresse euery white cloth aboue the value of fyue markes on this syde the see, after that they haue bought them: whiche white clothe so dressed, whan they be brought in to the parties beyond the see, and there by ꝑ buyers of them dyed & put in colours, than they muste be newely dressed, barbed, shorne, and rowed: and soo they shal be therby the lesse in substance of them selfes, and the worse to the sale,

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and solde for lesse price by tenne or twelue shillynges a pere beyonde the see, then they shulde be vnderselled. Wherfore be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporall and the cõmons in this presente parlyamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that euery white wollen cloth sold for foure poundes and vnder: & euery coloured clothe solde for thre poundes and vnder, maye be caried and conueyed into the parties of beyonde the see, there to be solde at the pleasure of the buyers of the sayde clothe or clothes vnbarbed vnshorne and vnrowed: any acte or actes to the contrary made not withstandynge.

¶ And ouer this be it ordeyned and enacted, by the sayde auctorite, that if any person or personnes sende or conuey, or cause to be sente and conueyed into the partyes beyonde the see anye white wollen clothe aboue the value of foure poundes, or any coloured clothe aboue the price of thre poundes vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, in other fourme then is afore sayd: that then the person or persons so offendyng, shall forfayte the value of the saide clothes, so caried and cõueyed into the parties beyond the see: The one moitie of the same forfayture to be to the vse of our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other moytie to euery person whiche woll or shall sue by bill, write, information, or other wyse agaynst any person for the same. And that the defendant in any plee, vpon any suche action be not admytted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne for any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same.

## ¶ An acte concernyng the custome of lether. cap. xiiii.

WHere great quantitie & moch habundance of lether is daily conueyed out of this realme, as well by estrãgers as also by tãners & other the kynges subiectes, inhabited in diuers parties of this realme towardes þ see costes, & in especially out of wales, Chesshire, and Cornewall, where lytell or no custome is paid for the same, whiche lether is commonly packed by the sayde estraungers tanners and other the kynges subiectes in theyr houses, & so conueyed vnto the portes and hauens, where they entende to shyppe the same: whiche packes soo conueyed and brought to suche portes and hauens to be shypped, be neuer there vnpacked, to be viewed what nombre of lether is cõteyned in any such packe, but entered in the customers bokes by and vpon the information and reporte of the sayde estraungers tanner or other personne transporter of the same lether. And all be it þ the kinges highnes in suche places & portes hath bery lytell custome paied for the same, yet for as moche as in suche places there is no better serche nor viewe had for the perfect knowlege of the nomber and quantitie of the lether, so by them packed, the kynges grace is moch deceiued of suche his customes as owght therfore to accrue to his highnes. For where in the porte of London. ii. persons be named and appointed by the mayer of the wolles within the same port for the tyme beinge, to tel and

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nombre al such lether by the hyde, accomptyng ten hydes to the deker, & all al woll felles, as within the same porte shalbe shipped frome tyme to tyme whiche. ii. persons be swoin before the customers of his great custome truly and duely to do and execute theyr offices, in tellynge and nomberynge all such lether and woll felles in the presence of the sayde customers, and of the cõptroller of the same custome, or of their deputies, who being present may wiewinge the same, do make entre therof in their bokes. And after such tale made and entre taken, an other person by the maire of London for the tyme beinge constituted and appoynted, is also swoine, truely to packe the same lether so told and entred into the customers bokes, euery of the same tellers & packers takynge such fees for theyr labours as of olde tyme haue ben vsed & ymitted and accustomed, euery stranger payeng for custome of euery deker iiii. s. ix. d. and euery denysen. iiii. s. i. d. Whiche lyke custome is also paied in the port of Hampton, but not in many other portes of this realme, & specially in Wales, Chesshire, and Cornewayle, out of the whiche parties, by reason of such small customes more lether is conueyed ouer the see, than out of other places of this realme, whiche is an occasion of the derth and great prices of the same lether. For the redresse wherof, and to thentente that a maner of custome for euery such deker of lether so conueyed ouer the see, as well by denisens as estraungers, shalbe paide throwout this realme, wales and other the kynges dominions: and also that the kynges highnes may be the better assured of his customes to be paied for all such lether as shalbe hereafter caried and conueyed ouer the see: Be it enacted by thauctorite of this present parlyament, that frombensefoorthe no maner of estraunger nor denyson shall packe or cause to be packed any maner of lether, to be conueyed or shipped ouer the see out of this realme wales or other the kynges dominions, other wise than in this acte is expressed, that is to saye, that al such lether shall be herafter packed by a packer swoine in euery such port, where any lether shalbe shipped to be cõueyed out of this realme wales or other the kinges dominions, vpon peyne of forfayture of al such lether as hereafter shal be packed contrary to the purporte of this acte, or of the value therof. And also that from henceforthe euery straunger and denisen, which shal sende or conueye any lether ouer the see out or from any part of this realme wales Chesshire or other the kynges dominions, shal pay lyke custome for the same, as is vsed to be paid within the porte of London, that is to saye, euery straunger to pate for euery diker of lether for custome. iiii. s. ix. d. And euery denise iiii. s. i. d. ¶ And be it also enacted, that within euery porte haue and creke within this Realme wales & other the kynges dominions, where no tellers nor packers at this present tyme be, nor before the makyng of this act haue be, that from henceforth the customers and cõptrollers of euery such port hauen and creke, where such lether shalbe shypped to be conueyed vnto the partyes beyonde the see, shall haue power by auctorittie of this act, to name constitute and appoynte one able person to tell and nombre all such lether as shall be at any tyme there shypped, whiche persone so named, shall

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be sworne by the customer and Comptroller of euery suche porte, hauen, and Creke, trewely and dewely to execute his office in the presence of the customer and comptroller of euery suche porte creke or hauen, where any suche lether shall be shypped, or of his or their deputie or deputies, the same teller takyng of euery estraũger for the telling of euery Diker of lether fire pence: wherof the same teller to haue for his labour two pence, and foure pence to be to the commynaltie of the same towne and porte towarde the payment of their fee fermer and other their charges: And of euery denysen, not being a free man of the sayde port and hauen, for euery diker, foure pence, whereof the teller to haue two pence, and other two pence to be to the commynaltie of the same porte or hauen, for thentent aboue declared: And of euery dyker by any person beinge a free man of suche port and hauen, but ouely two pence for his labour. And that immediatly after suche tale had, and entre therof made by the customer or his deputie, an other able persone named deputed and assigned by the sayd customers and comptrollers of euery suche porte & hauen, and before them sworne, trewely and duely to do and execute his office, shall packe all suche lether, so tolde and entered, euery packe to contein as many diker, vnder the nombre of seuen diker, as it shall please the marchant or owner therof to appoynte, takynge for his labour for the packinge of euery pack four pence. ¶ And be it further enacted by the sayd auctorite, that if any packer take vppon hym to packe any lether before it be tolde or numbred, and entree therof made by the customer or his deputie, or at any tyme packe more lether than shall be tolde and entred, accordyng to the purporte of this acte: ẏ then the same packer to forfayte and lose for euery time doinge the contrarye. v. li. and to suffre therfore imprisonement at the kynges pleasure. And also that if the teller within any suche porte or hauen, at any tyme hereafter take vpon him to tel or nombre any lether in the absence of the customer comptroller, or of his or their deputie or deputies, than the same teller for euery tyme so doinge to lose and forfayte tyue markes.

¶ And for as moch as diuers estrangers cary and conuey their lether from one porte to an other, and by the way cause the same lether to be packed, whiche packes so cõueied be not vndone nor opened at their arriuall within the portes, where vnto they be so transported: but there onely entred by and vpon the report & information of ẏ marchãt estraũger, or of his factour, whereby moche custome is conceled: Be it therfore also enacted by the sayde auctoritye, that if any estraunger, or other his factour, at any tyme hereafter, do conuey & carie any lether, from one porte to an other, to the intent to ship the same in suche other porte, wher vnto it shall be so conueyed, the same estraunger or other his factour for hym, before suche transportynge of the same lether, shall cause the sayde lether, fyrste to be tolde within the same porte, from whens he woll or intendeth to carie the same: and the same soo tolde cause to be entered by the customer of the same porte, or his deputie: and cause to be also packed by the sayde packer of the sayde porte, where it shall be so tolde, takynge of the customer or customers of the same porte

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or hauen, or of their deputie or deputies a certificate, expressyng the number or quantite of dicers of all the same lether. so to be caried and transported directed to the customer of the other porte or hauen, where vnto the same lether that shall be so conueied, makynge mention also in the same certificat, whether the custome therfore accordyngly be trewly payed or not. And in case any suche lethes be caried or conueied from one porte to an other, there to be shypped, without hauynge of suche certificate: that then the same lether, of the value therof to be forfayted.

¶ And be it further enacted, that no tanner within this realme, wales, or other the kynges dominions, or other persons occupieng or hauyng a tanne house, shall from henceforthe sende or cause to be conueied ouer the see, by ways of marchandyse or otherwyse, any maner of lether tanned or barkened, vppon payne of forfayture of all suche lether, or the value therof.

¶ Nor that any person or persons at any tyme hereafter, shall carye or conueie ouer the see out of this realm, wales, or other the kynges dominion, any hides or vntanned hides, or any lether called backes or sole lether, the kynges highnes shall lycence not optayned for the same, vpon payne of forfayture of all suche hydes & lether called backes or sole lether, or the value therof: The one halfe of all the sayde forfaitures to be to the kynges hyghenesse, and the other halfe to any of his subiectes that will pursiewe for the same in any of his courtis by action of dette, byl, playnt, informacion, or otherwise, in which suite none essoyne protection wager of law or other dilatorie plee for the defendant shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned, shal not be hurtefull, nor prejudiciall to any captayne of any shyppe in the time of warre, beinge in the retinue and seruice of the kynges highnes: Nor to any owner or maister of any shyppe beinge the kinges subiecte, goinge to Iselande, Danske, Norwey, or Southwarde beyonde the straicte: so that euery suche captayne and maister of euery suche shyppe, duringe the warre tyme, and euery maister to suche shippes, passinge into the places before named, may and shall at their pleasure haue and carie sale hides in their shippes, so p euery of them shal not haue at such viage, or during the warre at any one tyme aboue the nombre of eyghte sale hydes. This acte or any thynge therin conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ PROVIDED alwayes that hides vntanned of any beastis, being kylled within wales or the marches therof may be conueyed and caried to outwarde parties by any person or persons from tyme to tyme, except only by tanners, and such as haue tanne houses, in suche and lyke maner as they might haue ben before the makynge of this acte, any thing in the same mentioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

## An acte whereby the kynges maieſtie ſhall haue power to nominate .xxxiii. perſons of his clergie and lay fee for vnkynges of eccleſiaſticall lawes. Cap. xix.

WHen the beginning of this preſent parliamẽt there is an act ordeyned and eſtabliſhed accordyng to the purporte & effect as hereafter followeth, that is to ſaye, where the kynges humble and obedient ſubiectes, the clergy of this realme of Englãd, haue not only knowleged according to the truth, that ꝑ cõuocatiõs of the ſame clergy is alwayes hath ben and ought to be aſſembled onely by the kinges writte, but alſo ſubmittynge them ſelfes to the kynges maieſtie hath promiſed in verbo ſacerdotii, that they wyl neuer from henceforth preſume to attempte allege claime or put in vre, or enacte promulge or execute any newe canons cõſtitutions ordinãce prouincial or other, or by what ſo euer other name they ſhalbe called in the conuocation, vnleſſe the kynges moſte royal aſſent and licẽce may to them be had to make promulge & execute the ſame, & ꝑ his maieſtie do gyue his moſt royal aſſent & auctorite in that behalf: & where diuerſe conſtitutions ordinãces & canons prouinciall or ſynodall, which heretofore haue ben enacted, and be thought not onely to be moche prꝛiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royall, and repugnante to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, but alſo ouermoche onerous to his highnes and his ſubiectes, the ſayde clergy hath moſte humbly beſought the kynges highnes, that the ſayde conſtitutions and canons may be committed to the examination and iudgement of his highnes and of .xxxii. perſonnes of the kynges ſubiectes, whereof .xvi. to be of the vpper and nether houſe of the parliamẽt of the temporaltie, and other .xvi. to be of the clergy of this realme, and al the ſaid .xxxii. perſones to be choſen and appoynted by the kynges maieſtie, & that ſuche of the ſayde conſtitutions and canons as ſhal be thought and determined by the ſayde .xxxii. perſonnes, or the more parte of them, worthy to be abrogated and annulled, ſhall be abolyte and made of no value accordyngly: And ſuche other of the ſame conſtitucions and canons, as by the ſayde .xxxii. or the more parte of them, ſhalbe approued to ſtande with the lawes of god, and conſonannt to the lawes of this realme, ſhall ſtand in their ful ſtrength & power, the kynges moſt royal aſſent fyrſt had & optetned to the ſame: Be it therfore now enacted by auctorite of this preſent parliament, accordyng to the ſayd ſubmiſſion & petition of the ſayd clergie, that they ne any of them from henceforth ſhal preſume to attẽpt allege claime or put in vre any cõſtitutions or ordinances prouincial or ſinodalles, nor any other canons: Nor ſhal enact promulge or execute any ſuch canons conſtitutiõs or ordinãces prouincially by what ſo euer name or names they may be called in their cõuocatiõs in time coming, which ſhalbe alway aſſebled by auctorite of ꝑ kinges writ, vnles ꝑ ſame clergie may haue the kynges moſt royal aſſent and licẽce to make promulge & execute ſuch canõs conſtitutiõs & ordinãces prouincial or ſinodals, vpon pein of euery one of the ſaid clergy, doing cõtrary to this act, & being

therof conuicte, to suffre imprisonment and make fyne at the kynges wyll.

¶ And for as moche as such canons constitutions and ordinances, as here tofore hathe benne made by the clergy of this realme, canne not nowe atte the session of this presente parlyamente, by reason of shortenes of tyme, be viewed examined and determined by the kinges highnes and .xxxii. persons to be chosen and appoynted accordynge to the peticion of the sayde clergy in fourme aboue rehersed: Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the kynges hyghnes shall haue power and auctoritie, to nominate and assigne at his pleasure the sayde .xxxii. persons of his subiectes, wherof .xvi. to be of the clergy, and .xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament. And if any of the sayd .xxxii. persons so chosen, shal happen to dye before their ful determination, than his highnes to nominate other from time to tyme of the said .ii. houses of parliament, to supply the nõbre of ẏ said .xxxii. & ẏ the same .xxxii. by his highnes so to be named, shal haue power and auctorite to viewe serche and examine the sayd canons constitutions and ordinaunce prouinciall and synodall here tofore made, and suche of them as the kynges hyghnes and the sayde .xxxii. or the more parte of them shall deme & adiudge worthy to be continued kepte and obeyed, shalbe from thenseforth kepte obeyd and executed within this realme, so that the kinges moste royall assent vnder the greate seale, be firste had to the same. And the residue of the sayde canons constitutions and ordinaunces prouincial, whiche the kinges highnes & the said .xxxii. persons, or the more part of them shal not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite abrogate and made frustrate, shal from thenseforth be voyde and of none effecte, and neuer be put in execution within this realme.

¶ Prouyded alway, that no canons constitutions or ordinance shalbe made and put in execution within this realme, by auctorite of the conuocation of the clergy which shalbe contrariante or repugnaunt to the kinges prerogatiue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary herof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also, that suche canons constitutions ordinaunces and synodals prouinciall beinge al redy made, whiche be not contrariant nor repugnãt to the lawes statutes and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kynges prerogatiue royall, shalbe nowe styll vsed and executed as they were before the makynge of this acte tyll suche tyme as they be viewed serched or otherwise ordered and determined by the sayde .xxxii. persons or the more part of them, accordynge to the tenour forme and effecte of this presẽt act: as by the said act amõges other thiges more at large is expressed.

¶ And for as moch as the kinges highnes hath not named & assined the said .xxxii. persõs sythẽ the making of ẏ said act: be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this parlyamẽt, ẏ the kinges magestie shal haue ful power & auctorite, as wel afore as after the dissolutiõ of this present parliamẽt at his liberte & plesure to name & assigne .xvi. psons of the clergy, & .xvi. lay persõs of the tẽporalte. And if after such nomination any of the said persons happẽ to decease,

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that then the kynges highnes shall haue power and auctoritie to nominate and assigne from tyme to tyme, other in theyr places, to supplye the nombre of the sayde. xxxii. And that the sayd xxxii. personnes so to be nominated by his mateste, at all tymes fromhensorth for the terme of thier peres nexte after the dissolution of this parlyament, shall haue power and auctoritie to assemble them selfes to gether from tyme to tyme by the kynges commaundment, for the dewe and perfeyght execution of the sayde acte, accordynge to thintentes and true meanynge of the same, any thynge in the sayd act to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

## An acte concernynge enrollmentes of bargaynes and contractes of landes and tenementes. Cap. xvi.

BE it enacted by thauctoritie of this presente parlyament, that from the laste date of Julii, whiche shall be in the yere of our god. M. D. XXXVI. no manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shall passe altre or chaunge from one to a nother, wherby any estate of enheritaunce or free hold shal be made or take effecte in any person or personnes, or any vse therof to be made by reason onely of any bargayne and sale therof, excepte the same bargaine and sale be made by writing indented sealed and inrolled in one of the kinges courtes of record at westmynster, or els within the same countie or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargained & sold lie or be, before the custos Rotulorū & .ii. Justices of the peace, & the clerke of ꝑ peace of the same counte or cōtties, or .ii. of them at the lest, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one: and the same enrollment to be had & made within sixe monethes next after the date of ꝑ same writinges indented, the same Custos Rotulorum or iustices of the peace & clerke takynge for the enrolment of euery such writing indented before them, where the land comprised in the same writing excede not the perely value of .xl. s. two shillinges, that is to saye. xii. d. to the iustices, and. xii. d. to the clerke: And for the enrollement of euery such writing endented before them, wherin the land comprised excede the some of. xl. s. in perely value. v. s. that is to say .ii. s. vi. d. to the said iustices, & .ii. s. vi d. to the said clerke for ꝑ enrolling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the tyme being within euery such cōtie, shall sufficiētly enroll & engrose in parchment the same dedes or writinges indēted, as is aforesaid, and the rolles therof at thend of euery yere shall deliuer vnto the said custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the time being, there to remaine in the custody of the said custos Rotulorum for the time being amongest other recordes of euery of the same cōtties, where any suche enrolmentes shalbe so made, to thentēt that euery partie that hath to do therwith maye resorte and se the effecte and tenour of euery suche writing so enrolled. ¶ Prouyded allwayes, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned extende to any maner landes tenementes or hereditamentes, lyenge or be-

ing within any cittie borough or towne corporate within this realme, wherin the mayres, recorders, chamberlains, bailiffes, or other officer or officers haue auctoritie or haue lawfully vsed to enroll any euydences dedes or other writinges within their precincte or limittes, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

## An acte concernynge suche as ben putte in truste by theyr maysters, and after do robbe theym. Capit. xbii.

Where before this tyme dyuers & many euyll disposed psons haue often & many tymes taken and stollen fro their maisters & maystresses dyuers Jewels, plate, money and other goodes and catayles, to the great hurte and losses of their sayde maysters and maystresses. And not withstandynge the heynous offence contrary to the trust that the maister or maistres putteth in the seruãtis, and contrary to the faithe that the seruaunt of duetie shulde beare to his mayster or maistresse: yet whan they haue bene arrayned of the sayde felonies, many of them haue ben admitted to their clergie, and some of them haue ben admytted to take the priuilege of sayntuarye, as other felons haue bene for offences not so haynous, to the greatte boldenes of other persones to commytte suche lyke offences, Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that if from hens forthe any seruant for the tyme beinge in seruice of any person or persons, happen to steale, or felonously take awaye any Jewelles, money, plate, or other goodes or cattelles of his said maister or maystresse, or if hereafter any seruaunt, to whome any casshette, Jewelles, money, goodes or cattelles, shall be delyuered by his sayde maister or maystresse, or by any other to theyr vse, withdrawe them selfe fro their sayde maysters or maystresses, and goo awaye with the sayde casshette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other cattelles, or any part therof, contrary to the truste and confidence to hym or them putte by his or theyr sayde mayster or maistresse, or elles beinge in the seruyce of his sayde mayster or maistresse, without thassente or commaundemente of his sayde mayster or maystresse, he embesselle the same casshette, iewelles, money goodes or cattelles, or any parte therof, or otherwise conuerte the same to his owne vse, with lyke purpose to stele it: if the said casshettes iewels plate money goodes or cattelles, that any such person shal take fro his maister or maistresse, be to the value of xl.s. or aboue, or if the sayde casshettes iewels goodes money or cattels, that any suche seruant after delyuery of the same, shall go away with: or whiche hy shal imbesel with purpose to stele it, as is afforesaid, be of ỹ value of xl.s. or aboue, that then euery such seruãt, that so shal stele fro his sayd maister or maistres any such Jewelles goodes or catels, or imbesell any casshet Jewels

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money plate or other goodes to him delyuered, in maner before rehersed, & be founde giltie therof, or of any parcell of the same accordynge to the lawe of the land, or vpō his arraynement before any Justice cōfesse the same, shal fromhensforth be put from his clergy, and be put to execution, as if he were no clerke.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctorittie aforesayd, that euery suche person or personnes, that so shall stele the goodes of his sayde maister or maystres, or imbesell that that so to him shalbe delyuered as is aforesayde, if the same goodes be of the value of. xl. s. as is aforesayd, shal lose the priuilege of all saintuaryes: Any vse or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte for the preseruation of the ryuer of Thamise. cap. xviii.

Where before this tyme the ryuer of Thamis amonge al other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken, and as it is in dede moste commodious and profitable to all the kynges liege people, and chefely of all other frequented and vsed, as well by the kynges highnes his estates and nobles marchantes and other repayryng to the citie of London and other places shires and counties adioyninge to the same, whiche ryuer of Thamys is and hathe ben moste meate and conueniente of all other for the sauegarde and orderynge of the kynges Naute, conueyance of marchandises, and other necessaries to and for the kynges most honorable housholde, and other wise to the great relefe and comforte of all personnes within this realme, til nowe of late diuerse euyl disposed personnes, partly by myswordringe of the sayde riuer, by castinge in of dunge and other fylth laied nyghe the bankes of the sayde ryuer, diggynge and vndermynynge of the bankes and walles nerte adioyninge to the same ryuer, carienge and conueying awaye of wayshides shores pyles bordes tymberworke balest for shippes and other thynges from the sayde bankes and walles in sondry places: by reason wherof gret shelpes and ryslinges haue of late ben made and growen in the fayrway of the sayd ryuer, and suche groundes as lye within the leuell of the sayde water marke by occasion therof haue benne surrounded and ouer flowen by rage of the sayde water, and many greatte breaches haue ensued and folowed there vpon, and daily are lyke to do, and the said ryuer of Thamys to be vtterly destroied for euer, if cōuenient and spedy remedy be not for ther prouided in that behalfe.

¶ For refourmation wherof be it enacted eſtablyshed and ordeined by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same, that if any persone or personnes, hereafter do or pcure any thyng

to be done in the annoyinge of the ſtreme of the ſayd ryuer of Thamys, ma-
kynge of ſhelpes by any maner of meanes by myning diggynge caſtinge of
dunge rubbiſhe or other thyng in the ſame ryuer, or take plucke or conuey
awaye any bourdes ſtakes pyles timbre worke or other thyng from the ſayd
bankes or walles, excepte it be to amende and repayre the ſame agayne, or
digge or vndermyne any bankes or walles vpon the water ſyde of Thamis
afore ſayde to the hurte inpayring or damage of any of the ſayde walles or
bankes: Than the ſame perſon or perſonnes and euery of them ſhal forfaite
and pay for euery tyme ſo offendyng, one hundred ſhillinges, the one mo-
tie therof to be to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the other moitie thy
of to the mayre and comminaltie of London for the tyme being, the ſame to
be recouered and optayned by the mayre and commynaltie of London, by
byll playnte write of dette or information ſeuerally ayenſte euery offendour
in any of the kynges courtes, in which actions and ſutes or any of them the
partie defendant ſhall not be eſſoyned nor wage his lawe, nor any protecti-
on, to be alowed in the ſame.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that if complaynt ſhal
happen to be made to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, lord Treſourer,
lord preſident of the kynges counſayle, lord preuy ſeale, or to any of them, by
any perſon or perſonnes or body politike, that ſyr Thomas Sperte knight
nowe hauinge the office and orderyng of and for balaſting for ſhippes, or a-
ny other that hereafter ſhall haue the ſaide office and order for balaſtinge of
ſhippes, do take any baleſt for ſhyppes nere to the ſayde ryuer of Thamis, or
do not take for parcell of the ſayde balaſtynge the grauell and ſande of the
ſhelpes betwene Grenehithe and Rychemonde within the ſayde ryuer of
Thamys, or in any place or places that is or ſhalbe to the damage or annoy-
aunce of the ſayde ryuer of Thamis, or any parte therof: that then vpon e-
uery ſuche complaynte the ſayd lorde Chauncellour, lorde Treſerour, lorde
preſident of the kynges moſte honourable counſayle, lorde preuie ſeale, and
euery of them, callynge bothe the cheke Juſtices of eyther benche or one of
them, ſhall haue power and auctorite from tyme to tyme, to here and final-
ly determyne euery ſuch complaynt by their diſcretions, and to put ſuch or-
der therin, and for takyng of baleſt for ſhyppes vpon euery ſuch complaint,
as by theyr diſcretions ſhall ſeme moſte conuenient for the conſeruation of
the ſayde ryuer of Thamys: and the parties offendynge ſuch order, ſhal ſuf-
fre impriſonment, and make no leſſe fyne then fyue pounde to the kynges
vſe, for euery tyme offendynge or brekynge the ſame.

¶ Prouided alweys and be it enacted, that it ſhal be laufull to euery perſon
and perſonnes to digge cary and take awaye ſand grauell or any other rub-
byſhe erthe or thinge lienge or beinge in or vpon any ſhelpe or ſhelpes with-
in the ſayde ryuer of Thamiſe, without let or interruption of any perſon or
perſonnes, or payinge any thyng for the ſame, any thing conteyned in this
preſent acte to the contrary not withſtandynge.

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## ¶ An acte lymittinge an order for sayntuaries and sayntuary persones. Cap. xii.

WHere vpon trust of saintuaries and the licentious liberties that heretofore haue ben and yet dayly ben vsed in the same, dyuerse persons haue ben the more bolde to perpetrate and committe many detestable murders rapes robberies thefftes & other myscheuous detestable and abhominable dedes, for that they haue ben alwayes releued ayded and succoured by the sayntuaries, whan so euer and as ofte as they or any of them haue offended in any of the premysses, to the most greuous displeasure of almyghty god, and extreme detriment and hurte of the kynges subiectes: In auoydyng of suche presumptuous boldnes, It is enacted ordeyned and establysshed by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, with the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporal, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that al and synguler persone or persons, whiche nowe be or at any tyme hereafter shalbe priuileged in any saintuarie, within any of the kinges dominions for murder or felony, from the fyrst day of Maye nexte commynge shall dayly, whan so euer he or they be without the house or manslon, wherin they haue their lodgyng, weare a badge or cognisance, by the gouernour of euery saintuarie to be assigned and appoynted, openly vppon their vpper garment, of the compasse in length and bredth of tenne ynches, vpon peyne that they and euery of them, whan so euer and as often as any of them beinge out of the sayde house or manslon, wherin he hath his sayde lodgynge, shall be founden and taken without the same badge or cognisance, clerely to lose and forfaite his and their priuilege and auantage of saintuarie. And that it shal be lawfull to all and synguler the kinges subiectes to apprehend and take euery suche offender and offenders, beinge without his badge or cognisance as aforesaide: and hym to bring out of the saintuarie into the next gaole, there to remayne vnto the nexte gaole delyuere, and then to be tried, accordynge to the due course and order of the lawe, as though he had neuer ben priuyleged in any suche sayntuary.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforsayd, that no maner of the said priuileged persons, at any tyme hereafter beare occupie or were vpon them any maner of sworde knyfe or other wepon, other than their meate knyues, and the same meate knyues but at their meales only, vpon peyn as is aboue rehersed.

¶ Furthermore be it enacted by the said auctorite, that if any of the sayde priuileged persons at any tyme after the sayde fyrst May daye, fortune to be founde apprehended or taken out of his or their lodgyng, before the sonne rysyng in the mornynge, or after the sonne goinge downe in the euenyng, the same priuileged persone so founde apprehended or taken shall at the fyrste tyme, for his so offendyng, suffre imprisonment within the same saintuarye, by the space of .ii. dayes, and at the seconde tyme to haue imprisonement by

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the ſpace of ſyxe dayes, and at the thyrde tyme, that he ſhalbe ſo founden apprehended or taken out of his ſayd lodgyng, contrary to the order before mencioned, and the ſame beinge ſubſtancially proued by indifferent proues therof to be made before the lorde chancellour of Englande for the tyme beinge to forfaite and loſe his or their priuilege of ſayntuary.

¶ Alſo be it further enacted by the ſayd auctorite, that if any maner of ſayntuary perſone or perſones of prepenſed malyce at any tyme hereafter do reſkewe or reſiſte any of the gouernours afore ſayde, or their deputies, in executynge of their office, in takynge and impriſonynge of any of the perſonnes priuileged, offendyng contrary to the tenour of this act, that then he or they that ſhall fortune to make reſkewes, ſhall be here after taken out of ſaintuarie, and to ſuffer and be tried as felons in euery thynge.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by theauctorite aforeſaid, that al maner of contractes of dette, vnder. xl. s. treſpaces & couenantes, ꝑ at any time here after ſhal hapen to be made or grow within any of ꝑ ſaid ſaintuaries betwene any of the ſayd priuileged perſon or perſons & other inhabitantes within any ſuche ſentuarye, that the gouernours or their deputies of any of the ſame ſaintuaries, where any ſuch contract treſpas or couenant ſhal fortune to be made growe or be, as is aforeſayde, ſhall haue full power and authoritie by this preſente acte, to order iudge and determyne the ſame, accordynge as it ſhal be dewelye there prouid afore the ſayde gouernour or gouernours.

## ¶ An acte contepnynge an order for tithes throughe the realme. Cap. xx.

FOr as moche as dyuers numbres of euyll diſpoſed perſons, inhabited in ſondry counties cities townes and places of this realme, hauinge no reſpecte to their dueties to almyghty god, but agaynſt right & good cõſcience haue attempted to ſubtracte & withold in ſome places the hole, & in ſome places gret partes of their tythes & oblations, as wel perſonal as predial due vnto god & holy church, & purſuinge ſuche theyr deteſtable enormyties, and iniuries, haue attempted in late tyme paſte to diſobey contempne and diſpiſe the proceſſe lawes and decrees of the eccleſiaſticall courtes of this realme, in more temerous & large maner than before this tyme hath ben ſene. For reformation of whiche ſaid iniuries, and for vnitie and peace to be preſerued amongeſt the kynges ſubiectes of this realme, our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, beynge ſupreme hed in erthe vnder god, of the churche of Englande, willynge the ſpirituall ryghtes and duties of that churche to be preſerued continued and maynteyned, hath ordeined and enacted by auctorite of this preſent parliament, that euery of his ſubiectes of this realme of Englande Irelonde wales and Calels and marches of the ſame, according to the eccleſiaſtical lawes and ordynances of his churche of Englande and after the laudable vſages and cuſtomes of the paryſhe or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, ſhal yeld

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and pape his tythes offerynges and other duetties of holy church: And that for ſuche ſubtractions of any of the ſayd tythes offerynges or other duities the perſon vicar curate or other partie in that behalfe greued, maye by dewe proces of the kynges eccleſiaſticall lawes of the churche of England conuēt the perſon or perſonnes ſo offendynge before his ordinarie, or other competent iudge of this realme, hauyng auctorite to here and determine the right of tythes, and alſo to compell the ſame perſon or perſonnes offendyng to do and peld theyr ſayde dewties in that behalfe. And in caſe the ordinary of the diocelle, or his cōmiſſary, or the archedecon or his offycial, or any other competente iudge aforeſayde, for any contempte contumacy diſobedience or other miſdemeanour of the partye defendaunte, make information and requeſte to any of the kynges moſte honorable counſel, or to the iuſtices of the peace of the ſhire where ſuche offendour dwelleth, to aſſiſte or ayde the ſame ordinary commiſſary archedeacō officiall or iudge, to order or reforme any ſuche perſon in any cauſe before reherſed: That then he of the kynges ſayd honorable counſaylle, or ſuch two Iuſtices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, to whom ſuche information or requeſt ſhalbe made, ſhal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to attache or cauſe to be attached the perſon or perſonnes, againſte whome ſuche information or requeſt ſhalbe made, And to commytte the ſame perſon or perſonnes to warde, there to remayne without baple or mainpriſe, tyll ꝑ he or they ſhall haue found ſufficient ſuertie, to be bounde by recogniſaunce or other wyſe before the kinges ſayde counſayllour, or iuſtice of peace, or any other lyke counſeillour or Iuſtice of peace, to the vſe of our ſayde ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, to gyue dewe obedience to the proces procedyngis decrees & ſentences of ꝑ eccleſiaſtical court of this realme, wherin ſuche ſute or mater for the premiſſes ſhall depende or be. And that euery of the kynges ſayd counſayllours, or two iuſtices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is aforeſayd, ſhal haue full power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to take receyue and recorde recognyſaunces and obligations in any of the cauſes aboue written.

Prouided alway, that this acte or any thynge therin conteyned ſhall not extende to any inhabitaunte of the citie of London, for or concernynge any maner of tithe offeringe or other eccleſiaſticall duette growen and due to be paied or peldē within the ſame citie, bicauſe there is an other order made for the payment of tythes and othe duities within the ſayd citie.

Prouided alſo that euery perſon and perſonnes, being partie or partyes to any ſuche ſutte, ſhall and maye make and haue his and theyr lawful accion demaunde or proſecution appeles prohibitions and al other their lawful defences and remedies in euery ſuche ſutte, accordynge to the ſayde eccleſiaſticall lawes, and lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, in as ample and liberall maner and fourme, as they or any of theym myghte haue hadde yf this acte hadde neuer benne made: Any thinge in this acte aboue wrytten not withſtandynge.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by auctorite afore ſayde, that this

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acte for recouerynge of tythes, ne any thyng therin conteyned, shall take force or effecte, but onely vntyll suche tyme as the kynges highnes, and suche other. xxxii. personnes, whiche his highnes shall name and appoynte for the makynge and establishinge of such lawes, as his highnes shall affirme and ratifie to be called the ecclesiasticall lawes of his churche of Englande: And after the sayde lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is afore sayde, that then the sayde tythes, to be paied to euery ecclesiasticall parsonne, accordynge to suche lawes, and none other wise.

## ¶ An acte lymittinge an order for payment of tithes within the citie of London. Cap. xxi.

BE it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parlyamente, that all and euery the citesens and inhabitauntes of the citie of London, and suburbes within the liberties of the same, shall at this present tyme of Ester nexte commynge paye vnto the curates of the sayde citye and suburbes, all suche and lyke sommes of money for tythes oblations and other duties, as the sayde citesens and inhabitantes by the order of my lorde Chauncellour and other of the kynges moste honorable counsayll and the kynges proclamation, paied or ought to haue paied by force and vertue of the sayde order, at Ester that was in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXV. And the same payementes so to continue from tyme to tyme, vntyll suche tyme as any other order or law shalbe made published ratified and confirmed by the kynges highnes, and the. xxxii. personnes by his grace to be named, as well for the full establishment concernyng the payment of al tythes oblations and other dueties of the inhabitauntes within the sayde citie and suburbes within the liberties of the same, as for the makyng of other ecclesiastical lawes of this realme of England. And that euery parsonne denienge to pay as is aforesayd, shall by the commaundemente of the maire of London for the tyme beinge, be commytted to prisonne, there to remayne vntill suche tyme as he or they haue agreyd with the curate and curates for theyr sayd tithes oblations and other duities, as is aforsayd.

## ¶ An acte concernynge decay of houses and inclosers. Ca. xxii.

WHere as in the fourth yere of the reygne of the noble kyng of famous memorie Henry the vii. father to the kynges highnes our souerayngne lorde that nowe is, it was ordeined established & enacted amonges other thinges, that euery owner of any mese, which within thre yeres nexte before the same time was, or after that tyme shuld be letten to ferme with .x. acres of lond at the least, lieng in tyllage & husbandry, shuld be bound to kepe & susteine the housing & building of the same mese conuenently for the maintenāce of husbādry & tillage; & if any owner of ỳ same shuld fortune to decay

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any suche mese or londe in his owen handes, he shulde be bounde to vphold and sustayne the same, as it is before rehersed: And if any perſõ happened to doo the contrary, than it shulde be lefull vnto the kynge, or vnto the lordes, of whome any suche mese or londes is holden immediately, to take yerely the one halfe of thyssues and profites of all and every suche tenemente, without payenge any thynge for the same, vntyl such tyme as the housyng shuld be buylded, or reedifi ed agayn and the lõdes therof conuerted into tillage: and that no person shulde haue clayme or chalenge any freholde in the same londe or tenementes by takyng of any suche profettes, but only that it shuld be lefull vnto the kynge and other lordes to distrayne for the payment of the moyte of the yerely yssues reuenues and profettes of the same, lyke as in the sayde acte more at length is contayned. By reason of whiche sayde statute and ordenaunce diuerse and many meses, whiche be holden immediately of the kynges highnes, within late yeres haue ben buylded and reedifyed, and the londes there vnto belongyng conuerted ayen in to their fyrst nature of tillage and husbandry, accordynge to the tenour and purport of the sayd good and gracyous acte. And all other suche meses and landes as be holden immediate of any other lordes, be and remayne vnto this present daye prostrate vnbuylded and the londes therof conuerted and employed onely into pasture and to no other purpose, to the great decaye of all maner of victualles within this realme, and to the derogation and hinderance of the cõmon welthe of the same many wayes. And for as moche as in the sayd acte was no other remedie prouyded for and agaynst al those persons that do or shuld holde any manours meses londes or tenementes of other lordes, for not repayrynge and reedifienge of the houses, and conuertynge the sayde londes into tillage and husbandry, accordynge to the trewe and vertuous meanyng of the same good act, but onely euery lorde immediate, moughte haue and distrayne for the moytie of the profites of al and euery suche mese & londes decayed in fourme aforesayde, as in the same acte amonge other thynges more at lengthe it is declared. And also for that the lordes immediate & thother meane lordes haue not put the sayd good act in dewe and plaine execution, accordynge to the tenour therof, as they ought and moughe haue done, a grete nombre of the houses meses tenemẽtes & acres of lond, which at the making of the said good act were in ruyne & decay, & the lõdes therof cõuerted from tillage into pasture, do yet remayne vnbuilded vnreedified, and al the londes to them be lõgyng hitherto be kept and vsed into pasture, & not conuerted ayen into tillage, accordynge to the purpoꝛte true meanynge and intent of the sayde acte: And so by this meanes dyuers and sondry persons, whiche holde not their landes and tenementes immediate of the kynges highnes, haue and dayly do from tyme to tyme decay and lette fal downe no small nomber of meses and houses of husbandry: And also do conuerte the londes of the same from tillage and husbandry into pasture, to the moſt perillous example of all other beinge in lyke case, and to the greattest abuse & disorder of the naturall soyle of the ground, that by any maner of inuention

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coulde be practised or imagined. Be hit therfore enacted ordeyned and ess-
blyshed by the kynge our souereygne lorde, and by the lordes spiritual and
temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by
thauctoritie of the same, that the kynge our souereygne lorde, his heires &
successours, from and after the feest of saincte Michael tharthaungel, which
shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXVIII. shall take and haue
the moitie of al issues reuenues rentes & profites comynge & growinge of al
& synguler mises londes & tenemētes now and then remaininge inclosid de-
cayed or cōuerted from tillage into pasture, contrary to the tenour and trewe
meanyng of the sayde acte, made in the sayde fourth yere of kyng Henry the
vii. and beinge at this present daye so founde alredy by office and verdite of
xii. men, or whiche hereafter at any tyme by lyke office and verdite shall be
founde, of whom so euer they be holden, whiche haue bene decayed and con-
uerted from tyllage into pasture sith thre yeres next before ẏ forsaide fourth
yere of the reigne of the sayde noble kynge Henry the. vii. vntyll suche tyme
as the owners of the sayde meses landes and tenementes shal haue buylded
and reedified ageyne in and vpon conuenient places of the sayde meses lan-
des and tenementes for euery fyfty acres, forty acres, or thirty acres of lond,
one sufficient tenement mete for an honeste man to dwell in, and also vntyll
suche tyme as the same owners haue conuerted, or cause all the sayd londes
so mysused to be conuerted from pasture into tillage ayen, accordyng to the
nature of the soyle & course of husbandry vsed in the coūtrey where any such
landes do lye, and accordyng to the true entent and meanyng of the said act.

¶ Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that yf a-
ny owner of landes and tenementes, at any tyme after the last day of Apryl,
in the yere of our lorde god. M.D.XXXVI. decay any house of housban-
dry, hauynge. xx. acres of errable land at the least therunto lyeng in tillage,
or conuert the same land into pasture, contrary to the true intent & menyng
of the sayd acte: than if the lorde, of whom any such house and landes be the
holden immediatly do not take the benefite of the sayde acte, concerning to
kynge of the moitie of the profettes of the same house and landes so mysu-
sed, as is aboue rehersed, within one yere nexe after the sayde decay, or with
in one yere next after the conuertynge of the sayd lond from tillage into pas-
ture, the kynges highnes in defaulte of the sayde lordes immediat shal and
maye from and after any office founde therof haue and take the one moytie
of all the issues reuenues and profittes commyng and growing of the same
house and landes so decayed or conuerted frome tillage into pasture, vntyll
such tyme as the owner of the said house and landes so mysused haue reedi-
fied the same house, and cōuerted and put the same londes ayen into tillage
accordynge to the nature of the soile and course of housbandry vsed in the
countrey there, as is aboue rehersed.

¶ Prouided alwey, that the kynges highnes shall not haue cleyme or cha-
lenge any freholde or tenour in or to any of the premisses by takynge of the
moite of any such profettes, nor that any lord of whom any suche meses or

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londes be holden, shal lose ne forfayt any their tenures seruyce or other their ryght of and in the same, but only that his highnes his heires & successours shal haue full power by vertue of this present acte after the findyng always of any office or offices from tyme to tyme, onely to distrayne for payment of the moitie of the yerely issues reuenues and profites of all suche londes and tenementes as be vnto the kinges highnes limitted & appointed by this act, accordynge to the true intent and meanyng of the same act, vntil suche time as the true intent and purpose of this present acte shalbe dewely and trewly put in execution in euery behalfe to all intentes, as is before declared.

¶ Prouided also that this act nor any thing therin conteined be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtefull to any infant within thage of .xxi. yeres, nor to any person or persons being out of the kinges realme for any issues and profites to be leuied perceiued or taken by vertue of this present act, as longe as they shalbe within age, or out of this realme, nor shall extende to any marshe or fenne groundes, nor to any manours londes or tenementes beinge enclosed at this presente day, within any forest parke or chase, wherin be dere belongyng vnto the kynges hyghnes, or to any temporal lorde, knyght, or squier, of this realme of England or wales: so that they haue licēce opteined at this present daye of the kynges sayde hyghnes, or of any his noble progenitours to imparke the same, & also haue compowned with the owners therof, that the same owners be satisfied for the same: any thinge in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

¶ Prouided alwais that this present act extend not nor be in any wise hurtful or preiudicial vnto any owners of any londes or tenementes in any counties of this realme of England, but only vnto al & euery the counties herafter specified, that is to say, the counties of Lyncolne, Nottingham, Leicetur, Warwyke, Rutlande, Northampton, Bedford, Bukyngeham, Oxforde, Berks. the yle of Wyght, Worcetur, Hertf, and Cambrige.

¶ An act for the preseruation of hauens & portes in the counties of Deuoñ and Cornewall. Cap. xxiii.

Where by a statute made in this presēt parliamēt for & cōcerning the amēding & maintenāce of the hauens & portes of Plimouth, Dartmouth, Teingmouth, Falmouth, & Fowey in ẏ coūte of Deuonshire & Cornwal, amonge other thinges it was ordeined & enacted, that no ꝑson or ꝑsons frō & after the feast of saynt Michael tharchangel, which was in the .xxiiii. yere of the reign of the kinges highnes that now is, shuld labour or worke, or cause to be laboured or wrought in any maner of tin workes called streme workes, within the said coūties of Deuoñ or Cornwal, nigh to any of the freshe waters riuers or lowe places, discēding or hauing course vnto the saide hauens or portes or any of them, nor shuld labour digge or washe any tin in any of ẏ said tin workes, called streme workes, onles the said dygger owner or washer shuld make or cause to be made sufficiēt hatches & tyes in thend of their buddels & cordes, & therin put & laie, or cause

to be put and layde al the sayd stones grauel and robell digged about then-
serching finding and washing of the said tynne, there to be holly and surely
kept by the sayd hatches and ties, out and from the said freshe riuers or wa-
ter courses or any of them, so that the said stones grauel and robell ne any
part therof, be for lack of such hatches or tyes conueyed into the said portis
and hauens, or any of them, vpon peine to forfaite for euery tyme that any
owner or digger shuld digge or washe, or cause to be dygged or washed any
tynne, contrarye to the fourme aforesayde. x. li. Thone halfe therof to be to
the vse of our soueraygne lorde the kinge, and the other halfe therof to be to
any of thenhabitantis of the saide porte townes or hauens, that wolde sue
for the same in any of the kynges courtes, by originall writte, bylle, playnt,
information, or otherwise, wherin the defendaunt shulde not be admitted to
wage his lawe, ne any protection or essoyne shulde be allowable, as in the
saide acte amonge other thinges more plainely is expressed and declarid.
And bicause sithe the makynge of the sayde statute, thenhabitauntis of the
sayde port townes or hauens, hauing lytell regarde respecte loue or affecti-
on, to the amendyng and mayntenance of the same townes and hauens, not
to their posteritie, as they ben naturally bounden and obliged, haue permit-
ted and suffred the said owners and diggers to pseuer and continue in dyg-
ging serching and washing of tyn, nigh the said freshe waters riuers or low
placis, not makyng sufficient hatches & tyes, as by the said statute is prouid-
ded & ordeined without any maner of suite cōmensed or pursued by the sayd
inhabytantes, accordynge to the tenour of the said acte, to the great alation
and encouragyng of thoffendours, and to thutter vndoing and destruction
of the sayd port townes, and hauens. The kinges maiestie myndynge and
entendyng the supportation and mayntenance of his sayde townes and ha-
uens, and the animaduersion and correction of the said offendours, hath by
the assent of the lordes spiritual and tēporall, and the cōmons in this present
pliament assēblid, and by thauctorite of ẏ same ordeined enacted and stabli-
shid, that no pson or persons hereafter shal labour or worke, or cause to be la-
bored or wrought in any maner of tyn workes, called streme workes within
the sayd counties of Deuonshire or Cornwall, nygh to any of the said freshe
waters ryuers or lowe places, discendyng or hauynge course vnto the sayd
hauens or portis, or any of theym, nor shall labour digge or washe any tinne
in any of the said tinne workes, called streme workes, onles the said dygger
owner or washer shall make or cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyes
in thende of their buddelles and cordes, and therin putte and laye, or cause
to be putte and layed all the sayde stones grauell and robell, dygged about
thenserchynge, fyndynge, and washynge of the sayde tynne, there to be
holly and surely kept by the said hatches and tyes out & from the said freshe
riuers or water courses or any of thē: so that the said sand stones grauel & ro-
bell, ne any parte therof, be for lacke of suche hatches or tyes conueyed in-
to the said portis and hauens, or any of them, vpon peyn to forfait for euery
tyme, that any owner tynner dygger or laborer, shal digge or washe or cause

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to be vygged or washed, any tynne, contrary to the fourme aforesayde. xx.li. Thone halfe therof to be to thuse of his highnes, and thother halfe therof to be to any of his gracis subiectes, that wylle sue for the same in any of his gracis courtis, by original writ byl playnt informacion or otherwise, wherin the defendant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or essoyn shall be allowable.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that if any persone or persones shall happen to be sued, accused, indited, imprisoned, amerced, condempned, or otherwyse vexed or troubled in his persone, landes, tynne workes goodes or cattalles by any of the mynysters or officers of any the kynges courtes of stannerye, or by any other persone or persones for pursuynge or attempting any suite or action, accordyng to this statute, ayenst suche persone or persons as shall offende contrary to the fourme aforesaide: that then all suche sutes accusementes inditementes imprisonmentes actions condemnations fynes amerciamentes, and euerye other acte or actes to be doone in any of the saide courtes of stannerie, or elles where, by any persone or persones ayenst any person or persons for suinge or attemptinge any sutes or actions by vertue of this statute, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte in the lawe: And that the partie sued indited accused imprisoned or otherwise greued or molested for pursuyng ayenst any person or persons offendynge this statute, shall haue his action and remedye grounded vpon this statute by originall wrytte byl playnt informacion or otherwise in any of the kinges courtes, ayenst suche as shall procure or attempte to vexe trouble or otherwise molest any such person or persones for sewyng or pursewynge of the forfaytures aforesayde, and shall recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the partie defendaunt shall not be admytted to wage his lawe, ne any protection essoyn nor priuilege shall be to hym allowable.

And yf it shall happen any persone or persones, for pursuynge any suite or action vppon this statute, or by occasion of the same hereafter to be imprisoned by any maner of person or persons beinge officers or ministers of the court of stannery, their deputies or substitutes: that then euery of the iustices of peace within any of the counties aforesayde, wherin the sayd prysoner shall happen to be commytted to prysone, vpon credible informacion therof, takynge suretie by his discretion for appearance of suche prisoner at the nexte generall sessions of peace, shall haue power and auctorite as well to direct his warraunt to the gaoler or keper of the prison, as to any other persone or persones, to whome the sayde prisoner shall be commytted vnto, commaundynge hym or them vpon peyne of forfayture of. xl. li. to delyuer and put at large the saide prisoner or prisoners, whiche if he refuse so to do, than euery such offendour shal lose and forfayt the sayd. xl. li. Thone half of which forfayture to be to the vse of our souerayn lorde the kyng, & the other halfe to hym that is greued by reason of suche imprysonment, to be recouered in maner & forme aforsayd: And the defendāt in any action or suit for the same shal not wage his law, ne haue any essoyn or protection allowed. And

if it shall appere vpon thapparaunce of suche prisoner at the quarter sessyons by examination of the Justyciars of peace there beinge, that he was imprisoned contrary to the fourme of this statute: that then he shalbe forthe with dysmissed and therby discharged. And if he were laufully imprysoned for any other iuste cause, than to be remaunded to prisone by the discretion of the sayde Justiciars.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thinge therin conteyned be not in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtefull to any of the officers of the stannerie, ne to any of their laufull lyberties priuyleges vsages lawes or customes, sauynge onely in the cases and prouisions conteyned and limitted within this present acte, whiche shall alway be put in execution, accordyng to the tenor of this acte: any vsage custome priuylege ordinaunce or libertie to the contrarie therof not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte concernyng the generall surueyours of our souerayne lorde the kynge. Cap. xxiiii.

Vhere at the ꝑlyamēt begon & holdē at Lōdon, the. xv. day of Apryl, in the. xiiii. yere of ẏ reigne of our souerayn lord kyng Henry the. viii. that nowe is, and from thens adiorned vnto westin the last day of July, in the. xv. yere of the reigne of our sayd soueraine lord, & there then holden, one act or estatute was by our sayd souerain lord the kyng vpon considerations and causes, his highnesse then mouynge, with thassent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the cōmons in the same parlyament assēbled, and by ẏ auctorite of the same made & ordeined, concernyng the reuenues and accōptes to be perceyued had and taken of diuers & many honors, castels, lordships, manors, lādis, tenētis, and other hereditamentes of our said souerain lord, as wel in England & wales as in Caleis, & the marches of the same: and by the same act it was amonge other ordeined, ẏ the ꝑsons, which by cōmissions of our said souerayn lord ẏ kyng shuld be assigned to be executours of the said acte, shulde from thens forth be called and named, The general surueyours of the kinges landes, & that they shuld haue ful power and auctoritie to cal before them all & singular receiuours, bailiffes, and al other officers and ministers, accomptable to the kynges highnes, & euery of them. And euery other person or persons, ẏ then were, or after that tyme shuld be accomptable, chargeable, or answerable to the kynges highnes, of any thing comprised or conteyned in a cedule signed with the kynges most gratious hande to the saide acte annexed, or in any other cedule or cedules, after that tyme to be sygned with the kynges hande of any suche landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, sommes of money for dettes, prestes, and other charge, deliuered frome the kinge in Englande, wales, Caleis, Barwike, and marches of theym or any of theym: wherunto his highnes shuld be laufully intitled, to be directid vnto the said generall surueyours: And that the sayd surueyours shulde take accomptes

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of al thynges conteyned, or to be contayned in the sayd cedule or cedules, with diuers and many sondry and seuerall ordinances & prouisions in the said act concernyng the said reuenues and generall surueyours more plainly expressed and specified, as by the same amonge other thinges therin conteyned more plainly appereth. The which act was made to begyn to take his effecte the morowe next after the last day of the said parliament, and so for to continue, accordyng to the tenour purporte and effect of the same act vnto the last day of the next parlyament folowing. The kyng our souereyn lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comons assembled in this present parliament, begon at London the .iii. day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of his most noble reigne, and from thens adiorned and prorouged vnto westm, and there after and vpon diuers prorogations holden the .xiii. day of Februarie, the .xxvii. yere of his said reigne, hath by auctorite of the same parliamẽt ordeined & established, þ the said act, concernyng the reuenues of his said honours, castels, lordships, manours, landes, tenẽtes, and other hereditamentes, and euery article clause and prouision in the same conteyned, shal for euer from hens forth continue and endure to be good and effectual in the lawe to all intentis constructions and purposes for and concernyng al such honors castels lordships manours landes tenementes dettes pryses and al other sũmes of money or charges as ben expressed in the said cedule or cedules, or which at any tyme hereafter shalbe expressed or conteyned in any other cedule or cedules, to be signed with the kinges most gracious hande. And þ the same act, and euery article ordinance and prouision in the same expressed or conteyned, shall be of lyke effecte in euery thinge to continue and endure for euer, as is aforesaid, as if the said acte and euery ordenance article & prouision in the same conteyned, were fully and plainly expressed, set forth and declared in this present act. ¶ And also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that such persons, whom the kinges highnes by his cõmission or cõmissions shal at any time hereafter assigne and auctorise, to be generall surueyours of his landis, & to be executours of this present act, or any parcel therof, shall haue ful power & auctorite to put as wel this present act, & euery ordenance prouision & article cõcerning the said reuenues accõptis and all other thinges according to the purport & true entent of the same act, as also al accompeis, arrerages of accomptes, ordynance, artycles, and euery other thyng cõprised or executorie by the sayd former acte, not being fynyshed or determined by the said nowe generall surueyours, in due and ful execution, accordynge to the purport and effecte of the said actes, and eyther of them.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that the said general surueyours for the time beinge, shall not hereafter, by thauctoritie of this acte, make any lease or graunte of the reuercion of any of the said landes or tenementis, and other the premisses, beinge than in lease and not expired: except the same generall surueyours for the tyme beynge, haue the kynges bylle or warraunte signed, vnto theym directed for the same: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that this act, nor any artycle clause or thyng therin conteyned, extend to the landes purchased by the kynges highnes, þ now is, or hereafter to be purchased by his grace, or by his heires kinges of Englãd, nor to exchãged landes hereafter to be made: Nor to auctorise or to geue power vnto the said generall surueyours for the tyme beinge, to make any viewe, or to take any accompt of or for the same purchased landes, or exchanged landes: Any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorytie aforesayd, that before the feast of Pentecoste next comyng, as well the foresaid former acte, as this present act shall be imprinted and sette forthe openly to the manifest knowlege of al and euery the kinges subiectes, to thentent that they and euery of them maye knowe the contentes of the same, and also obeye and behaue themselfes in euery behalfe, accordynge to the true meanyng intent and purpose specified in the sayd actes, and euerye of them.

## ¶ An acte for recontinuinge of certayne liberties and fraunchises heretofore taken from the crowne. Cap. xxv.

WHere diuers of the moste auncient prerogatiues and auctorities of Iustice, appertaynynge to the imperiall crowne of this realme, haue bene seuered and taken from the same by sondrye gyftes of the kynges moste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, to the great diminution and detriment of the royall estate of the same, and to the hyndrance and great delaye of Iustice. For reformation wherof be it enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that no person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer they be of, from the fifth day of July, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVI. shal haue any power or auctorite to pardon or remytte any treasons, murders, manslaughters or any kyndes of felonies, what so euer they be: nor any accessaries to any treasons murders manslaughters or felonies, or any vtlauries for any suche offences aforesaid, committed perpetrated done or demised, or hereafter to be committed done or demised, by or agaynste any person or persons in any parties of this realme, Wales, or the marches of the same, but that the kinges highnesse, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shal haue the hole and sole power and auctorite therof vnited & knytte to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as of good right and equite it appertayneth, any graunte, vsages, prescription, acte or actes of parlyment, or any other thynge to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite afore said, that no person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion so euer they be, from the sayd fifth day of July, shall haue any power or auctorite to make any Iustices of Eire, Iustices of assise, Iustices of peace, or Iustices of gaole delyuerie: but that al suche officers and ministers shalbe made by letters patentes vnder the kinges great seale, in the name and by auctorite of the kynges highnes, and his

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heires kynges of this realme, in al shires, counties, counties palantine, and other placis of this realme, wales, and marches of the same, or in any other his dominions, at their pleasure and wylles, in suche maner and fourme as Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole delyuerie be commonly made in euery shire of this realme, any grantis vsages prescriptions allowances acte or actes of parlyament, or any other thyng or thinges to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyamente, that all oryginall writtes, and iudiciall writtes, and all maner of enditementes of treason felonie and trespas, and all maner of proces to be made vpon the same in euery countie palantine & other libertie within this realme of Englande, wales, and marches of the same, shall from the sayde firste daye of July, be made only in the name of our said soueraigne lorde the kynge, and his heires kynges of Englande. And that euery person or persons, hauing suche countie palantine or any other such lybertie to make suche originals, iudicials, or other processe of Justice, shall make the Teste in the sayd originall writtes and iudiciall in the name of the same persone or persones, that haue suche countie palantine or lybertie. And that in euerye writte and inditement, that shall be made within any suche countie palantine or lybertie, after the saide firste daye of July next commynge, wherby it shalbe supposed any thing to be done agaynst the kynges peace, shalbe made and supposed to be done only ageynst the kynges peace, his heires and successours, and not agaynst the peace of any other person or persons, what so euer they be, any acte of parlyament graunt custome vsage or allowance in Eire before this tyme had graunted or vsed to the contrarie not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway that Justices of assises, Justices of gaole delyuerie, & Justices of peace to be made and assigned by the kynges hyghnesse within the countie palantine of Lancastre, shall be made and ordeyned by commission vnder the kynges vsual seale of Lancaster in maner and forme as hath be accustomed, any thynge in this acte to the contrarye thereof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that all cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, whiche haue libertie power and auctoritie to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole delyuerie, shall stylle haue and enioye theyr lyberties and auctorities in that behalfe, after suche lyke maner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteration by occasion of this acte, any thinge in this acte, or in any artycle therin conteyned to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that all stewardes baylyffes and other ministers of any lyberties or fraunchefes, whiche in tyme passed haue vsed or ought to attende vpon the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuerie, and Justices of the pece at large in any countie, shal be attendant to the Justices of Assise, Justices of gaole delyuery, and Justices of peace of the same shyres, wherin suche lyberties and fraunchefes be, and make due

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execution of all proces to them to be directed, for ministration of iustice with in suche liberties or fraunchefes. And that also all suche bailiffes, or their deputies or deputie, shall yeue theyr attendaunce & assistance vpon the shereffe to gether with the shereffes bailliffes at all courtes of gaole deliuere from tyme to tyme, for execution of prisoners accordyng to iustice. ¶ Prouided alway, that the article next aboue rehersed, shal not in any wyse be prindicial to any stewardes or bayliffes of any cites boroughes or townes corporate, set in any shere of this realme, which haue priuilege ẏ they shulde not be cōpelled to attend or appere out of such cites boroughes or townes, wherin they inhabite: but that euery such citie borough & towne corporate, shal vse theyr sayd priuileges & lyberties, as heretofore hath ben accustomed: any thyng in any of the article aboue rehersed to the contrary therof not withnadinge. ¶ And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the kynge our soueraine lorde, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, from the said fyrst day of July next comming, shall haue all maner fynes, issues amercyamētes & forfatures, that shalbe lost forfaite or assessed, by or vpon any stewardes bayliffes or any other ministers or officers of any franches or lyberties for none execution, or mysexecution, or insufficiente retournes of suche writtes waraūtes preceptes or other ꝓces, which to them or any of thē, or to any their depute or deputes shalbe directed, or for any cōtempt or other misdemenour, what so euer it be concernyng theyr offices in and for the due executiō or administratiō of Justice, any graūt or allowance, or other thyng to the cōtrary hereof not withstandyng. And that ẏ amerciamentes for insufficiente retournes of writtes or other proces made by stewardes or bailyffes of lyberties or frācheses, hauyng returnes of writtes & executiō of the same, shall be put & set vpō ẏ hedes of such stewardes or bailiffes, & not vpon the sheriffes. ¶ And further more it is enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that purueyours assigned by the kynges commission for prouisions of his grace, the quene, & theyr chyldren, shall and maye prouyde all vitailes, corne and other kyndes of thynges, what so euer it be, accordynge to their commissions, as wel within lyberties and fraunchefes as without: any grauntes allowances or other thyng to the contrary or let therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwais that suche purueiours shal obserue the statutes for thē prouided in euery behalfe. ¶ And ouer this it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaid, that in al such places, where so euer the kynges highnes in his owne most royall ꝑson shal come, to rest tary abyde or make his repose within this realme or any his dominiōs, within libertie or without, there & within the verge limitted & accustomed to his gracis court, durig ẏ tyme of his abode his grace, his steward, marshal, coroner, and al other his ministers, shal and may kepe their courtes for iustice, and exercise their offices as shal appteyne to them according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme, as wel within liberties as without. And that his gracis clerkes of the market, and none other, durynge the same tyme, as well within libertie as without, shall exercise the office of clerke of the markette: any prynylege graunte

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allowaunce or other thynge to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded alway, that this article next afore rehersed, or any thyng therin conteyned, be not in any wise prejudiciall to the citie of London, but that the same citie shall haue and vse suche lyberties as they mought, if this article had neuer be made.

¶ AND be it also enacted by auctoritie afore said, that al and euery statute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and beinge in force, agenst shiriffes, their vndersheriffes, baylyffes, or other ministers for makynge or returnynge of panelles or Juries, or for due execution and seruinge of any writtes or other processe, or for takyng of fees, or for reformation of extortions, or for any other thynge or thinges concernynge their offices, and all peynes & penalties conteyned in euery suche statute, shal from henceforthe be extended to all stewardes bailliffes and other ministers and officers of lyberties & fraunchises, haynge returnes of writtes and executions therof, in like maner fourme and condicion, as they extende to shiriffes their vnder sheriffes bailiffes or other ministers, and as if the sayd stewardes bailliffes or other ministers or officers of liberties and fraunchises, had ben specially and particularly named and rehersed in suche statutes.

¶ Prouided alwey, that this article next aboue rehersed, shall not be prejudiciall to any stewarde, bailiffes of fraunchises, or to they or deputie or deputies, or they or clerkes, for exercisinge and occupieng their offices ouer and aboue one yere: but that they and euery of them maye kepe and occupie their sayde offices for so longe tyme as they be or hereafter shalbe peuen to them, as if this article nexte afore rehersed had neuer ben made, any of the sayde actes to be expounded and taken against them or any of them to the contrarie therof not withstondynge.

¶ AND it is enacted by auctoritie afore sayd, that all suche iustices to be made, as is afore rehersed in this act, shall haue auctoritie & power to kepe and holde their sessions of peace, and to delyuer the same gaoles from tyme to tyme onely within the same liberties and fraunchises, and in suche places, and in none other place, by reason or auctoritie of that commission: and to doo and execute all other thynges within the same, in as ample and large maner, as any other Justices of peace and gaole delyuere, in any shire within this realme may do and haue auctoritie to do: any acte graunte vse custome and allowance heretofore had made or vsed, or any article in this present acte made to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that all and synguler Justices of the peace, gaole deliuerie, and assise, hereafter to be made named and appoynted by the kinges highnes, his heires & successours, within any libertie, where any suche Justice of peace, gaole deliuerye, or assise, or any of them haue ben made by any person or personnes, by vertue or auctoritie of any letters patentes, of the gyfte or graunte of our souerayne lorde the kynge or his moost noble progenitours kynges of this realme, or other wyse shall sitte and kepe their sessions gaole delyuere and assises, onely in suche place and places, as the

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Justices of the sayde liberties lately haue bene commonly vsed within the sayde liberties. And that no persone nor persones, within the sayde liberties or any of theym, shall be hereafter in no wyse compelled by auctorite of this acte, to appere out of the sayde liberties before any other iustices of assise, gaole deliuere, or of the peace: then before such iustices as shalbe named & assigned to sit and be by the kinges highnes his heires & successours, within the sayd liberties in forme aboue sayd. And that this act shal not extend or be expounded or taken to any other liberte priuilege or franches, graunted vsed or had to any person or persones, other then before in this present acte is expressed and playnely declared and rehersed: any thynge in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng, and as if this acte had neuer ben made.

Prouided alweys, that this acte nor any thyng therin conteyned be in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall vnto sir Thomas Englefeld knight, iustice of the counte palantine of Chestre and Flynt, nor to his deputie or deputies, nor to any of them, of for or concernynge the office of iustice or iusticer of the sayd countie palantine and Flynt: nor for or concerninge any fees profittes or aduantages to the same office in any maner wise appertaynyng or belongynge: but that the sayde sir Thomas, his deputie and deputies and euery of them, may laufully haue occupie and exercise the sayd office, and also receyue and take to theyr owne vse, all maner profittes commodyties and aduauntages to the sayd office belongynge or appertaynynge, accordynge to the tenour purporte and effecte of suche letters patentes, as before this time were vnto the same sir Thomas made vnder the seale of the sayde counte palantine, or vnder any other seale, by our sayd souerayne lorde the kynge that nowe is, of for or concernynge the sayd office, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, in as ample and large maner, as thoughe this act had neuer ben had ne made: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wise not withstandynge.

Prouided alwey, that this acte ne any thynge therin conteyned, be in any wise preiudicial or hurtfull to any citie borroughe or towne corporate, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporate, & their successours, and the successours of euery of the, of or for any maner of liberties priuileges customes and ancient vsages & francheles: And also of al manr of fines issues and amerciamentes and forfaytures, whiche they or any of them haue of the graunt or grauntes of our sayd souerayne lorde the kynge, or of any of his noble progenitours kynges of this realme of England: but that the sayde cities borroughes and townes corporate and euery of theym, and their successours, maye haue take leuie and enioye all and euerye such laufull liberties priuileges francheles customes and vsages in as ample & large maner, and in like forme and condition as they and euery of the haue laufully taken vsed and had the same before the makynge of this acte: any thynge in this acte to the contrary not withstandynge, and as if this act had neuer be had ne made.

Prouided alwey and be it enacted, that Thomas now bishop of Ely and his

his successours bysshoppes of Ely and theyr temporalle stewarde of the yle of Ely for the tyme beinge, and euery of theym, shall from henseforth be iustices of peace within the said ile, and shal vse & exercise al maner of thinges within the same ile, ẏ apperteineth or belōgeth to any iustice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande to do, exercise, and vse, by vertue & auctorite that they be iustices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace, in any countie within this realme haue or myght do, exercise or vse, any thinge or thinges in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Cuthbert nowe byshop of Durham, and his successours byshoppes of Durham, and their temporal chancellour of the countie palantine of Durham for the tyme being, and euery of them, shall from hensforth be iustices of peace within the sayd countie palantine of Durham, and shal exercise and vse al maner thinges within the same countie palantine, that apperteyneth or belongeth to any Justice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do exercise and vse by vertue and auctoritie that they be Justices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace in any countie within this realme haue or myght do exercise or vse: any thyng or thinges in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Edward now archbishop of yorke and his successours archebyshops of yorke, and their temporall chancellour of the shire & liberte of Hexam, other wyse called Hextoldesham, for the tyme being and euery of them, shal from henseforth be iustices of peace within the said shire and libertie of Hexham, oherwise called Hextoldesham: and shall exercise and vse al maner thinges within the said shire and libertie, that apperteyneth or belongeth to any Justice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do exercise and vse, by vertu and auctorite that they be Justices of peace, in as large and ample maner as any other Justice of peace in any countie within this realme haue or myghte doo exercise or vse: any thynge or thynges in this acte conteyned to the contrarye not withstandynge.

## ¶ An acte for punishement of sturdy vacabundes and beggers. Cap. xxvi.

Where in an acte made atte westmynster in the .xxiii. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the .VIII. amonge other thynges it was ordeyned establysshed and enacted, that euerye stronge and valyaunte begger and vacabunde, after he were whypped for his vacabuncy and ydelnes, shoulde departe from the place where he was whypped, directely vnto suche towne hundred and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled

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by the space of thre yeres next before, there to continue and abyde. And also that aged poore and impotent people shuld in lyke wise repayre into euery hundred within the said counties, there to remayne and continue, accordynge to the meanynge and purporte of the sayde acte, vppon peynes limitted in the same, as in the same acte more playnly appereth.

¶ And for as moche as it was not prouided in the sayde acte, howe and in what wise the sayd poore people and sturdy vacabunders shulde be ordred at their repaire, and at their commynge into their countreys, nor howe the inhabitantis of euery hundred shuld be charged for the relief of the same poore people, nor yet for the settynge and keppynge in worke and labour of the sturdye valyant vacabundes at their sayd repaire into euery hundrede of this realme: It is therfore nowe ordeyned establysshed and enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that all and euery the Mayres, Aldermen, shireffes, baillyffes, constables, householders, and al other head officers and ministers of euery citie, shyre, townes and parishes of this realme, at the repaire & coming thither of such poore creature or sturdy vacabunde, as is conteined in the said act, shal most charitably receyue the same, and order the same in maner and fourme following: That is to saye, that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same cities shires townes hundredes wapentackes lathes rapes tythynges tythynges hamlettes and paryshes, as well within liberties as without, shall not only succour fynd and kepe al and euery of the same poore people by waye of voluntarie and charytable almes, within euery of the same cities shires townes hundredes wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tythinges, hamlettes and parishes, as well within liberties as without, to be succoured relieued, and holpen with suche and conuenient necessarie almes, as shall be thought mete by their discretions, in suche wyse as none of them of necessitie shall be compelled to wander idelly, and go openly in beggynge to aske almes in any of the same cities shires townes and parishes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the said sturdy vacabundes & valyant beggers to be set and kept to continuall labour, in such wise as by their said labours they and euery of them may gette their owne lyuynges, with the continual labour of their owne handes. And euery maire alderman shireff bailiffe constable and all other head officers and ministers of euery cou[n]tie citie towne and paryshe within this realme, or within any the kinges dominions, as well within liberties as without, and all other persones inhabitantes within any of the same, shall endeuour them selfes to order and directe the poore people, valyant beggers, and sturdy vacabūdes, in such wise as the effecte of this present acte shall be duely obserued, and put in due execution, vppon peyne that euery paryshe shall lose and forfayte, xx. s. for euery monethe, in whiche it is omitted and vndone: And that to be inquired of at euery quarter sessions, and to be duely presented and founde by the verdicte of xii. men.

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¶Item it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that al and euery p-
son or persons, beinge whipped or sente vnto their countreys, in fourme a-
foresayde, at the ende of euery tenne myles shall repaire vnto the constable
of any paryshe, beinge directly in his way towardes the countie and place,
whervnto he is so appoynted: and vppon sight of his letters, gyuen vnto
hym at the tyme of his whyppynge and sendynge of him into the same his
countrey, euery of the said constables and others the kinges subiectes, shal
and may furnyshe hym with competent meate drinke and lodgynge for one
nyght onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his dayly tourney of
tenne myles, vntyll suche tyme as he shal come vnto the hundred and place
whervnto he is assigned to go.

¶Item it is enacted, by thauctoritie aforesayd, that al and euery ydell per-
son and persons ruffelers, callyng them selues seruynge men, as well with-
in the citie of London, as within all other cyties, shyres, townes, paryshes,
and hamlettes of this realme, haupnge no maisters, shall be intreated vsed
and ordred in euery behalfe and to all intentes as is conteyned and specified
as welle in the aforesayde former acte, as in this present acte, vppon the
peyne aforesayde, to be loste and forfayted by the Mayre, Aldermen, Shy-
reffes, baylyffes, burgesses, mynysters, and inhabytauntes of euery of the
same cities boroughes and townes corporate, where any suche ruffeler shall
be suffred to be resiant and abydinge by the space of two dayes and not pu-
nyshed in forme hereafter declared.

¶Item it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and
euery the maires gouernours and heed officers of euery citie borough and
towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of euery paryshe of
this realme, shall in good and charitable wise take suche discrete and conue
nient order by gatheryng and procurynge of suche charitable and volunta-
rye almes of the good christen people within the same with boxes euery son-
day holy daye, and other festiuall day, or otherwise amonge them selfes, in
such good & discrete wyse as the poore, impotēt, lame, feble, syche, and diseased
people, beyng not able to worke, may be prouided holpen and relieued: soo
that in no wise they nor none of theym be suffered to go openly in begging.
And that suche as be lusty, or haupnge their lymmes, stronge inough to la-
bour, may be dayely kepte in continuall labour, wherby euery one of them
maye gette theyr owne sustynaunce and lyuynge with theyr owne han-
des: vppon payne that all and euery the mayres gouernours aldermen
heed officers and others the kynges officers and mynysters of euery of the
sayde cyties, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, paryshes and ham-
lettes, shall leese and forfayte for euerye monethe that it is omitted and vn-
done, the summe of xx.s.

¶Item it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all lyerouse and poore
beddred creatures, what so euer they be, may at theyr owne lybertie remayn
and continue in suche place, where they be, and shall not be compelled to re-
paire into their countreis, accordinge to the tenour and purporte of thafor-

sayde former acte: any thynge conteyned in the same acte or in this present acte to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶Item it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the sayde gouernours aldermen iustices of ỹ peace and heed officers bayliffes and cõstables of euery cite borowgh towne hundreth and parishe of this realme shal haue auctoritie by vertue of this present acte, to take vppe all and synguler children in euery parishe within theyr limittes, that be not greued with any notable disease or sykenes, and being vnder the age of fouretene yeres, and aboue the age of fyue yeres in beggynge or idelnes, and to appoynt them to masters of husbandry or other craftes or labours to be taughte, by the whiche they may gette their lyuynges whan they shall come to age, gyuynge to theym of the sayde charitable collections, as it maye conuenientlye be sustayned and borne, araymente to entre in to suche seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yeres, and vnder the age of syxtene yeres refuse suche seruice, or departe from the same without cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and apprehended by ony of the sayd officers, & to be brought before the mayre, aldermen, iustices of the peace, bailliffes, gouernours, constables, or other officers and mynisters of that lymitte or circuite, where they be taken: And if it shall appere by his or theyr confession, or other sufficient testimonie before the same officers and ministers, that he or they haue refused to serue, or haue departed frome their seruice withoute cause reasonable, he shall then in the parishe, where he was apprehended, be openly whypped with roddes by the discretion of the sayde gouernours or bailliffes, and therupon to be sente agayne vnto his seruice: and so to be serued, as often as he shall be apprehended and conuicted in fourme afore sayde. And if any persone or persones refuse to execute and to do the sayde punyshemente, atte the commaundemente of any of sayd gouernours aldermen Iustices of peace and others the sayde officers and mynysters: thenne he or they so refusynge the same, shall be sette in the stockes by the space of two dayes, withoute haueynge of anye other sustenaunce, sauynge onelye breadde and water.

¶ITEM it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery the aforesayde mayers gouernours aldermen and euerye the Iustyces of the peace, as well within liberties as withoute, shall ones in euerye moneth, or oftener if nede shall requite, commaunde a priue or secrete serche to be made within euery citie and warde towne hundred parysshe and hamlet of this realme, in suche tyme of the nyghte and daye, as they shall thynke conuenyente, to the intente that all ruffelars, sturdye vacabounides, and valyaunte beggers, and other suspecte persones maye be by suche meanes apprehended taken and ordered accordynge to the purporte and meanynge of this presente acte, and otherwyse to be vsed accordynge to the lawes of this realme. And that all and euerye person and persons obey and assiste and mayntayne from tyme to tyme all and euerye the commaundementes of the sayde Iustices of peace and others heed officers aforesayde,

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for and concernynge the makynge of all the said serches, and the apprehendyng of all and euery the suspect persons aforesaid, vpon peyn to make fine for not doing of the same, at the next quarter sessions, as it shall be thought by the discretion of the maires gouernours aldermen & Justyces of peace.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctorytie aforesayde, that no personne nor personnes at any tyme after the feaste of saincte Johñ Baptist next commyng, shall vse kepe and mainteyne any open playenge house or place for common bowlynge, dysynge, cardynge, closhe, tenys, or other vnlaufull games, takynge money for the same or other gayne, in any place of this realme, vppon peyne to forfayte fyue markes for euerye monethe that any suche vnlawfull howses or games shall soo be openly kepte vsed and maynteyned in any place within this realme, be it within lybertyes or withoute: Any graunte heretofore made to any personne or personnes in anye wyse not withstandynge.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that euery preacher parsone vicare curate of this realme, as well in all and euery their sermons, collations, byddinges of the beades, as in tyme of all confessions, and at the makynge of the wylles or testamentis of any persons at all tymes of the yere, shall exhort moue stire and prouoke people to be liberall, and bountyfully to extende theyr good and charitable almes and contributions from tyme to tyme, for and towarde the comforte and reliefe of the said pore impotent decrepite indigent and nedy people, as for the settynge and kepynge to continuall worke and labour of the forsayd ruffelers sturdy vacabundes and valiant beggers, in euery citie warde towne hundrede and parysshe of this realme, as well within liberties as without.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the aforesaide ruffelers, sturdy vacabundes, and valyaunt beggers, after suche tyme as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whypped, and sent vnto any cytie, warde, towne, hundred, or parishe, by any iustice of peace, mayre, constable, bailyffe, or any other the kynges officers and ministers, happen to wander loytre, or idelly to vse them selfes, and playe the vacabundes, and willingely absent them selfes from suche labour and occupation, as he or they shalbe appoynted vnto within any citie warde towne hamlet hundred or parishe, wherunto he or they haue ben appointed in maner and forme aforsaid: ẏ thē he or they being eftsoones app̄hended & taken of suspicious of idelnes in any priuey serches aforesayde or otherwyse, shall be broughte before the nexte Justice of peace: and vpon due examinations and profe of the continuance of his said loytringe wandringe in ydelnes or vacabuncye, shall be eft sones not only whipped aganye, & sent into the cytie warde towne hundrede or parysshe, wherunto he was fyrste appoynted, but also shall haue the vpper parte of the grystelle of his ryghte eare cleane cutte of: soo as it maye appere for a perpetuall token after that tyme, that he hathe bene a contemnour of the good order of the cōmon welth. And that euery constable of ẏ parishe, with ẏ assistence of the most substāciall of euery suche parishe,

where any such ruffeler or vacabõde shal happen thus to be taken, shal do or cause to be done this p̃sẽt execution, as wel in whyppyng as in cuttyng of the said vpper gristel of the eare of euery suche ruffeler or sturdy vacabunde or valiant begger, vpon peyne to lese and forfayte fyue markes, for euery tyme that he shall refuse to do or cause to be doone the same execution: and all and singuler the inhabytauntis of the saide citie warde towne hundred or parisshe shall assiste and ayde the sayd constables in execution of the premysses to the best of their power with good diligence, and without contradiction, vpon the peyne aforesaide.

¶ Item. it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that if any ruffeler or sturdye vacabunde, or valiant begger, not haynge the vpper parte of the right eare, and beinge cutte of, as is aforesayd, happen to be apprehended and taken in or at any priuie serch, as aforesaid, at any other tyme wandrynge in idelnes, in or without any citie warde towne parisshe or hamlette within this realme, whervnto he or they haue ben assigned, and duely proued before any Justice of peace, that he or they haunte idelnesse, and hath not applied, nor doth not apply suche labours as he or they haue ben assigned vnto, or be not in seruice with any maister: that then he or they so taken marked and haynge the vpper parte of the right eare cutte of, as is aforesayde, shall be by any of the said iustices of peace sent vnto the nexte gaole, there to remain without bayle or mayntise vntyll the next quarter sessions, and there to be indited of wandringe loytringe and idelnes, and shall be arrayned of the same. And if he or they shal happen to be found giltie by verdycte confession or otherwise, of for and vpon the same continuall loytring and idelnes: then euery suche sturdy vacabunde & valiant begger, so found giltie and condemned, shall haue iugement to suffre peynes and execution of deth, as a felon, and as enmies of the cõmon welth, and to lose and forfaite al their landis & goodes as felons do in al other causes within this realme.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that the knight marshal for tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this present act, to serche do & put in due and playn execution all and euery the contentis as well of the forsayde former act as of this present act, of and vpon al such ruffelers sturdy vacabundes, and valiant beggers men and women, as in any wise shal frequent haũt or loyter masterles & out of seruice, in and about the court, where so euer the kynges highnes chaunce to be resiaunt with his most honorable householde in any place of this realme.

¶ And for the auoydynge of all suche incõueniences and infections as often tyme haue and dayly do chance amonge the people by cõmon & open doles, and that most cõmonly vnto suche doles many persons do resorte, which haue no nede of the same: It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner of person or persons shal make or cause to be made any suche common or open dole, or shall gyue any redy money in almesse, otherwyse than to the common boxes, and common gatherynges in euery cytie, towne, hundred, parisshe, and hamlette, to and for the puttynge in playne

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and dewe execution of all and euerye the good and vertuous intentes and purpoſes conteyned in this preſente acte, vppon peyne to leſe and forfayte tenne tymes the value of all ſuche redye monepe as ſhall be gyuen in almes, contrarie to the tenour and purporte of the ſame. And that euery perſonne and perſonnes of this realme, bodyes politike, corporate, and others, that be bounde or charged perely monethly or wekely, to gyue or to diſtribute any redy money bread vitaile or other ſuſtentatiõ to poore people in any place within this realme, ſhall from the feaſt of Michelmas next commyng, gyue and diſtribute the ſame money, or the value of all ſuche breadde vitaile or ſuſtentacion vnto ſuche cõmon bores, to thentent the ſame may be imployed, towardes the releuynge of the ſayde poore nedy ſicke ſore and indigente perſons: and alſo towarde the ſettynge in worke of the ſayde ſturdye and idell vacaboundes and valiaunt beggers: and euery of the ſayde perſonne and perſonnes, bodyes politike corporate and others, ſhalbe clerely diſcharged againſte all and euery other perſonne and perſons, of, and for all maner of bondes or grauntes, what ſoo euer they be, for makynge of any of the ſame common doles, or others the forſayd diſtributions at any tyme of the yere: ſoo as the money and true value of the ſame be gyuen vnto the bores towardes the common almes and relefe of the poore people, in fourme aforeſayde.

¶ And to thentent that the money gathered towarde the relefe of pouertie, as is aboue ſaid, ſhall be employed & conuerted to ſuche charitable vſes and behoſes, as by this preſent act be limitted, and no part therof to be miſuſed by ſuche as ſhal haue the collection therof: It is therfore ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that the churche wardens of euery pariſhe, callynge vnto them fyre or foure of their honeſte neyghbours, ſhall haue full power and auctorite euery quarter of the yere or oftener by their diſcretions to commaunde euery ſuche collectour to appere before them, and to rendre and yelde accompt of al ſommes of money as by them ſhalbe gathered, and how and in what maner it was employed. And if vpon any accõpt it ſhalbe ſeen perceyued or founde, that any ſuche collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the monepe by hym gathered to ſuche vſes and intentes, as be limitted by this acte, or to haue imbecilled any parte therof: that then euerye ſuche offendour ſhall be attached and apprehended by them, before whom he ſo ſhall make accompte, and ſhal immediatly be brought before a iuſticier of peace, if it be in any ſhire: or before ỹ maire or bailiffe, if it be in cite borough or towne corporate, whiche iuſticiar mayre or bayliffe ſhall cauſe euery ſuche offendour to be committed to warde and priſon, there to remayne vnto ſuche tyme as he ſhall haue fully reſtored and payed to the collectours of the ſayde almes within the pariſhe where he ſoo offended, all ſuche ſommes of money, as by hym ſhall ſo be imbecilled conuerted or imployed to other vſes or intentes, then by this acte be lymitted: And alſo tyll he ſhall haue payed fyre ſhillinges. viii. d. for a penaltie, to be conuerted employed and diſtributed to the vſes and intentes ſpecified and declared in this acte.

¶AND it is ordred by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the persō vicar or parishe preest, or some other honest man of euery parishe of this realme, without taking or demaundyng any thyng for the same, shal kepe a boke of rekenyng, & therin shall entre write and make mention frome tyme to time, in one place or parte of the boke, as well of all and euery suche sommes of money as shal be gathered by the charitable almes of the inhabitantes of euery of the same parishes, as to make mention in one other place of the same boke, howe, vpon whome, and in what wyse any parte of the same money shall be spente: And so from yere to yere, from one yere to an other yere, he shall kepe a new boke, the boke to be bought and payde for by the constable and churche wardeins for the tyme beinge, of the common collections, and alweys shall remaine in the custody of two or thre of them, or of some other indifferent man by theyr consentes, and not with the person vicare or parishe preeste.

¶Item it is ordered by the sayd auctoritie, that two or thre tymes in euery weke, two or thre of euery paryshe within cities and townes corporate, by the assignemente and appoyntment of the mayre aldermen gouernor bailife or constable, some in one weke and some an other weke shall name and appoynt certayne of the sayd poore people, founde of the common almes, to collect and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse drynke of euery housholder within euery such parishe, whiche shalbe by theyr discretions distributed euenly amonge the poore people founde of the saide common almes, as they by theyr discretions shall thynke good.

¶Item it is ordered by the sayd auctoritie, that al and euery bayliffe constable churchwardens or others the collectours of the said almes, whiche shal at any tyme forbere theyr owne businesse and labour, and shall trauayle or take any peynes in and about the execution of any parte of this present acte, shall haue and take for his and theyr so doynge suche competente wages of the money of the sayd common collections, as by the discretion of the maire aldermen gouernour bailiffe or Justices of peace and others of the parishe, shall be thought good and resonable, whiche shall be appoynted vnto them from tyme to tyme, alweyes at the makynge of theyr accomptes before the hole paryshe aforsayde.

¶Item the money of all and euerye the fore sayde free and charitable collections, shall be kepte in the common coffre or boxe, standyng in the church of euery paryshe, or els it shal be committed vnto the handes and saufe custody of any other suche good and substantiall trusty man, as they can agree vpon, where they shall thinke it alweys sure and saufe, and where it may be surely delyuered vnto the vses before expressed from tyme to tyme, as necessitie shall require, makynge always mention therof in two seuerall places of the sayde boke, as it is before declared, as often tymes as any parte therof shall be spent or gathered.

¶Item it is ordred by the sayd auctoritie, that the inhabitauntes of euery paryshe of this realme, shall begynne to make the foresayde free charitable and godly collections and gatherynges in euery sonday and holy daye next after

after the day of sainct Johñ Baptist nexte commynge, and so shall continue
perely vnto the laste day of the next parliament. And euery parishe makyng
defaute and not puttynge al and euery the premisses in due and perfecte exe-
cution: accordynge to their power, behautours and discretions, shall lose &
forfayte. xx.s. for euery moneth in whiche it is omitted and vndone. And all
iustices of peace in euery countie and liberte of this realme shall haue full
power and auctoritie, by vertue of this present acte to enquyre here ofder and
determyne all and euery the premisses in maner fourme and to all intentes,
as it is before declared.

¶ FINALLY it is ordeyned enacted and estably shed by the auctoritie a-
fore sayd, that this present acte shall begynne to take effecte and to be put in
execution with the forsayde former acte, the morow after the daye of saincte
Michel tharchangell next commynge, and shall continue vnto the last day
of the next parliament. And that the one moitie of al and euery the forfaytu-
res afore sayde, shall be to thuse of the common bore to the releefe of the poore
decrepite sicke and indigēt and impotent peple, being within any cite towne
hundred or parishe, where any suche offence is committed: and the other
moytie to him or them that will sue for the same by bill action of dett playnt
or otherwise in any court of recorde or court baron of this realme, in whiche
action no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shall be allowed.

¶ Prouided alweys, that this present acte shall not be hurtfull or preiudi-
ciall vnto any person or personnes for gyuynge or sendyng of any redy mo-
ney or of any fragmentes or broken meate or drinke vnto any person or per-
sonnes inhabited within the parysshe, where he dwelleth, or to any persons,
but that they and euery of them of their charite maye vse sende ofder gyue
and dispose the same to any person or personnes afore sayd, as they wol them
selfes, eyther within their owne houses or els where: any thynge conteyned
in this present acte to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ AND be it further enacted by auctoritie afore sayd, that they whiche by
the auctoritie of this acte, shall cause the eares of any offender to be cutte of,
in forme before mentioned, shal certifie in writynge endented vnder their se-
les at the next generall sessions of the peace, that shall be hepte in any citie,
towne, borough, or shire, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same cite, towne,
or shire, the names of al such as shal fortune to haue their eares cutte of for
the causes before sayde, and of the tyme and place of doynge of the same.
And if they faple and make defaute this to do by the space of one moneth,
that the they shal forfayt for euery moneth so offendinge, forty shyllynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritie afore sayde, that no chirch war-
deyn collectour or collectours of any the foresayde charitable almes, shall
continue in his or their sayde offices and romes aboue the space of one hole
yere. And that in al cities borowghes townes and parishes of this realme,
the ouerplus of all and all maner of collections of the riche and welthy pari
shes, within any of the same cites borowes townes hundredes lathes rapes
and wapentakes from tyme to tyme, shall be ordred and distributed for and

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towardes the sustentation of the charges of other poore parishes, nere and within any of the same cities boroughes townes hundredes lathes rapes & wapontakes, by the discretion from tyme to tyme of the maire aldermen bailifes gouernours iustices of peace and highe constable of the same.

¶ Prouided always, that in such cities townes hundredes wapontakes lathes rapes ridinges tithinges hamlettes and parishes, where the voluntary and vnconstreyned almes and charitie of the parishens or people, which by this act shalbe contributorie to such almes, and with such money as shal be added & gyuen to the same from any monasteries or other persons bodies politik corporate or other, wol not suffice to the sustentation of the pore nedy and indigent people, beinge within the lymittes of such contribution, neyther the mayres aldermē sheriffes bayliffes constables or other heed officers housholders ministers or inhabitantes of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shal incurre or renne into the sayd forfapture daunger or penaltie of. xx. s. for euery moneth, ne any of them to be constrayned to any suche certayne contribution, but as theyr free wylles and charities shall extende, other wyse than that the persones therunto appoynted by this acte shall well and truely distribute, accordynge to the purporte of the same, the sayde charitie and almes, that shall come to theyr handes of voluntary gyfte, vpon the penalties in this acte for the same prouyded: any clause sentence or wordes in the same acte beinge or founden, to the contrarye herein not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, it shall be lefull to all noble men and other keppynge houses, theyr annners seruantes officers and ministers, to gyue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drynke of the same, as well to poore and indigent people of other parishes, as of the same parishes where suche house is kepte: any thynge in this acte, or in any prouision of the same to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided furthermore, that seruynge menne departynge from their seruyce by lycence wyll dethe or exclusion of theyr lorde ladye mayster or maistres, haynge of the same theyr lorde lady mayster or maystresse letters, or in case of theyr deathe other sufficiente proofe, testifienge the daye of their exclusyon or departure frome suche seruyce, shall not encurre or runne into any of the punyshementes or penalties comprysed in this acte, for vacabundes or sturdy beggers within the space of one monethe after the daye mentioned in the sayde letters, or apperynge by the sayd testimony to be the daye of theyr departure frome suche seruyces, ne also at or after the same monethe expired: so that by thende of suche monethe they shal haue entred into any seruyce, or be other wyse in labour accordyng to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

¶ PROVIDED also that in as moche as freers mendiantes haue lyttell or nothynge to lyue vppon, but onely by the charitie and almes of christen people: This acte therfore, ne any thynge therin contepned, shall be preiudycyall or hurtefull vnto any persone or persones for gruyng of them

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in generall or particuler any maner almes in money victayle or other thynge alsso to them or any of them, for beinge or remaynynge out of the places, where they were borne, or had theyr last habitation, or for passing abrode to gather the almes and charitie of Christen people, or for continuance in their religion as they haue ben accustomed to do: this acte, or any thynge therin mencioned to the contrary not withstandynge.

Prouided also, that this acte, ne any thynge therin mencioned be hurtefull or prejudiciall to any abbottes priours or other person or personnes of the clergie or other, that by any meanes be bound to gyue perely weekly or dayly almes in money victayle lodginge clothynge or other thyng in any monasteries almes houses hospitalles or other foundations or brotherhedes, by any good auctorite or auncient custome, or of dayly charitie by keppynge of pore men, established for that purpose, ne to any person or personnes for receyuynge of the same, or for their abidinge in suche almes houses or hospytalles, accordynge to suche foundation: Ne also for almes in redy money or otherwise to be gyuen to mariners or other personnes that shall fortune to come or be set on lande from shippes perished or lost on the see: or to any person that ridinge goinge or passinge by the waye, shall after his or theyr conscience or charitie gyue money or other thynge to lame blynde or sycke aged or impotente people: any thynge in this acte to the contrary mencioned not withstandynge.

## An acte for lawes and iustice to be ministred in Wales in lyke fourme as it is in this realme. Capitulo. xxbii.

ALL BE IT THE DOMINION principalytie and countrey of wales iustly and rightuously is and euer hath ben incorporated annexed vnited and subiecte to and vnder the imperiall crowne of this realme, as a very membre and iopnte of the same: wherfore the kynges mooste royall maiestie of mere droit and verye ryght, is very heed kynge lorde and ruler. Yet not withstandynge bycause that in the same countreye principalytie and dominion dyuers ryghtes vsages lawes and customes be farre discrepant from the lawes and customes of this realme, and also bycause that the people of the same dominion haue and do dayely vse a speche nothynge lyke ne consonãt to the natural mother tonge vsed within this realme, some rude and ignorant people haue made distinction and diuersitie betwene the kynges subiectes of this realme, and his subiectes of the sayd dominion and principalitie of wales, whereby great discord variaunce debate diuision murmur and sedicion hathe growen betwene his sayde subiectes: His highnes therfore, of a singuler zele loue and fauour, that he beareth towardes his subiectes of his sayd dominion of wales, myndynge and intendynge to reduce them to the perfecte order notice and knowlege of his lawes of this his realme, and vtterly to extirpe all and singuler the sinister vsages and customes

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tomes differinge frome the same, and to bynge his sayde subiectes of this his realme, and of his said dominion of wales to an amiable concorde and vnytie, hath by the deliberate aduise consent and agremente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same ordeyned enacted and stablyshed, that his sayde countrey or dominion of wales shalbe stond and continue for euer frome henseforthe incorporated vnited and annexed to and with this his realme of Englande. And that all and synguler person and persones, borne or to be borne in the sayd principalitie countrey or dominion of wales, shal haue enioye and inherite all and synguler fredomes liberties ryghtes pryuileges and lawes within this realme and other the kynges dominiõs, as other the kynges subiectes natutally borne within the same haue enioy and enherite. And that all and syngular person and persons inheritable to any manours landes tenemẽtes rentes reuertions seruices or other hereditamẽtes, which shall discende after the feast of all saynctes nexte comynge, within the sayde principalitie countrey or dominion of wales, or within any partycular lordshyp parte or parcel of the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, shal for euer frome and after the sayde feast of all saynctes, inherite and be inheritable to the same manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions and hereditamentes after the englyshe tenure without diuision or partition, & after the forme of the lawes of this realme of Englãde, and not after any tenure ne after the fourme of any welshe lawes or customes: And that the lawes ordinances and statutes of this realme of England for euer, and none other lawes ordinaunces ne statutes from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes next cõming, shalbe had vsed practised and executed in the sayd countrey or dominion of wales and euery part therof in lyke maner forme and order, as they ben and shalbe had vsed practised & executed in this realme: and in such lyke manner & forme, as here after by this acte shalbe further establyshed & ordeyned: any acte statute vsage custome president libertie priuilege or other thing, had made vsed graũted or suffred to the contrary in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ And for as moche as there be many and dyuers lordshyps marchers within the sayde countrey or dominion of wales, lyinge betwene the shires of Englande and the shires of the sayde countrey or dominion of wales, and beinge no parcell of any other shires, where the lawes and due correction is vsed and had, by reason wherof hathe ensued and hathe benne practised perpetrated committed and done within and amonge the sayde lordeshyppes and countreys to them adioynynge, manyfolde and dyuers detestable murders, brennynge of houses, robberies, theftes, trespalles, rowtes, ryottes, vnlawfull assembles, embraceries, mayntenaunces, receptynge of felons, oppressions, ruptures of the peace, and manyfolde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iustice: And the sayde offenders therypon makynge they refuge, from lordeshyppe to lordeshyppe, were and contynued without punyshement or correction: For due reformation wherof, and for as moche as dyuers and many of the sayd lordshyps marchers be nowe in the handes

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and possession of our souerayngne lorde the kynge, and the smallest nombre of theym in the possession of other lordes, it is therfore enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that dyuers of the sayde lordeshipps marchers shall be vnited annexed and ioyned to dyuers of the shires of Englande: and dyuers of the said lordshipps marchers shal be vnited annexed and ioyned to dyuers of the shires of the said countrey or dominion of wales, in maner & forme hereafter folowing. And that al the residue of the said lordshipps marchers, within the said countrey or dominion of wales, shalbe severed and diuided into certain particular counties or shires: that is to saye, the countie or shire of Mommouth, ꝑ countie or shire of Brekenoke, the countie or shire of Radnore, the coũte or shire of Mountgomerey, the countie or shire of Denbigh. And ꝑ the lordshipps townshipps parishes cõmotis and cãtredes of Mommouth, Chepstowe, Wacharne, Llamnyhangel, Wagour, Goldcliffe, Newporte, wenlloge, Llanwerne, Caerlion, Vske, Trelecke, Tynterne, Shynfreth, Gronsmont, white castel, Reglan, Calicote, Byston, Abergenenny, Perose, Greneselde, Maghen, and Hochuyslade in the said countrey of wales: and al and singuler honours lordshipps castels manours lãdes tenemẽtes and hereditamentis, lyeng or being within the compasse or precinct of the said lordshipps townshipps hamlettes parishes cõmotis and cantredes and euery of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euerye parte therof, shall stande and be from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes gyldable, and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as part and membres of the said shire of Mommouth. And that the said towne of Mommouth shalbe named accepted reputed vsed had and taken heed and shyre towne of the said countie or shire of Mommouth. And that the shiresses countie or shire court, of and for the said shire and countie of Mommouth, shall be holden and kepte one tyme at the sayde towne of Mommouth, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Newporte in the same countie or shire, and soo to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus*, and accordyng to the lawes of this realme of England for euer, and in none other places.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctorite aforesayde, that all actions reales, that hereafter shall be conceyued perpetrated or sued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thinge within the said countie or shire of Mommouth, and all actions personals, within the same shyre or countie, of the summe of .xl.s. or aboue, and all actions myxte, shall be sued by originall writte out of the kynges high court of Chancerie in Englãde, and herde determined and tryed before the kynges Justices in Englande, or by Assise, or Nisi prius within the said countie of Mommouth, in suche lyke maner fourme and wise, as al other actions reals personals and actiõs mixt be sued harde determined and tried in or for any shire of this realme of Englande. And that the kynges Justices of his benche, or of his common benche at Westm̃, shall haue full power and auctorite to directe all maner processe to the shiresse & all other officers of the sayd countie of Mommouth: and also to directe writtes of *Venire facias*, to the same shiresse for the trial of

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euery iſſue ioyned before them: and alſo to awarde cõmiſſions of Aſſiſe into the ſaid countie of Wommouth, for the triall of ſuche iſſues ioyned before them in lyke maner and forme as they do into euery ſhire of this realme of England. And al & euery the kynges ſubiectis & inhabitantes within the ſayd countie of Wommouth, ſhalbe for euer from and after the ſayde feaſte of al ſaintes, obliged and bounden to be obedient and attendaunt to the lord chauncellour of Englande, the kynges iuſtices, and other of the kynges moſte honorable counſayle, and vnto all lawes cuſtomes ordynaunces and ſtatutes of this realme of Englande, in lyke maner fourme and wyſe, as all other the kynges ſubiectes within euery ſhyre of this realme of Englande be obliged and bounden, any act ſtatute vſage cuſtome lybertie priuilege or any other thynge to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtandyng. And that the ſhereffe of the ſayde countie ſhall holde plee of replegiare, and all other ſuites and playntes vnder. xl. s. in his countie or ſhire courte, in lyke maner fourme as all other ſhireffes do within this realme of Englande. And that the ſhereffe, eſchetours, and corroners that here after ſhalbe within the ſayde countie or ſhire of Wummouth, ſhalbe obliged and bounde to execute al the kynges proceſſes, and to make due returnes therof, and to vſe and exercite theyr offices, accordynge to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme of Englande in all and euery thyng, as the ſhireffes eſchetours and corroners be obliged and bounde to do in all and euery other ſhire of this realme of England. And that ỳ ſhereſe and eſchetours of the ſayd ſhire or cõtie of Wommouth, that hereafter ſhalbe appoynted by our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, make theyr accomptes for theyr ſayde offices in the kynges eſchequier in Englonde, in lyke maner and fourme as other ſheriffes and eſchetours do within this realme of Englande, and vppon ſuche lyke peyne and penaltye, as is vpon other ſhereffes and eſchetours in euerye other ſhyre within this realme of Englande.

¶ AND it is enacted by thauctorite aforeſayd, that the lordſhyppes townſhips pariſhes commotes and cantredes of Brekenoke, Crekehowell, Tretowre, Penkelly, Englyſhe talgarth, welſhe talgarth, Dynas, The hay, Glynebogh, Bropulles, Cantercely, Llãdo, Blayullynby, Eſtrodewe, Builthe, and Llangors, in the ſayde countrey or dominion of wales, and all and ſynguler honours lordſhips caſtels manours landis tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or being within the compas or precincte of the ſayd lordſhips pariſhes commotes and cantredes, or any of them, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhalbe, and euery parte therof, ſhall ſtande and be for euer from the ſayde feaſte of all ſayntes, gyldable: and ſhall be reputed accepted named and taken as partes and membres of the ſayde countye or ſhire of Brekenoke. And that the ſayde towne of Brekenoke ſhall be named accepted reputed vſed hadde and taken hede and chefe towne of the ſayde countie or ſhiere of Brekenoke. And that the ſhyre courte or countye of and for the ſayde ſhyre or countie of Brekenoke, ſhall be holden and kepte in the ſayde towne of Brekenoke.

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¶And it is enacted by thauctozitte afozesayd, that the lozdshyps townshyps parishes commotes and cantredes of Newe Radnoze, Elfthermain, Cluellis, Bonghred, Glasebery, Glawdistre, Wighelis church, Welmeth, Blewagh, Knighton, Nozton, Pzesson, Comothuder, Rayder, Gwethzonpon, and Stanage in the sayde countrepe of Wales and euerye of theym, and al and singuler honours lozdships, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditamentis lyeng oz beinge within the compasse oz pzecinct of the sayd lozdshyps townshyps parishes commotis and cantredes oz any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oz shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be foz euer from the said feast of al saintes, gyldable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partis and membzes of the said countie oz shire of Radnoze. And that the said towne of Newe Radnoze shal be named accepted reputed vsed had and taken heed and shire towne of the said countye oz shyre of Radnoze. And that the shire courte oz countie of and foz the sayd countie oz shire of Radnoze, shall be holden and kepte one tyme at the said towne of Newe Radnoze, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Rather Gowye, in the same countie oz shire, and so to be kepte in the same two townes *alternis vicibus* foz euer, and in none other place.

¶And it is enacted by the auctozitie afozesaid, that the lozdshippes townesshyps parishes commotis and cantredes of Mountgomerey, Kedewenkey, Cawrllande, Arnstely, Kenylioch, Doythure, Powellande, Clunes lãde, Dalelley, Tempeestre, and Alcestre in the said countrey of Wales, and euery of them, and all and singuler honours lozdshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentis, lyenge oz beinge within the compas oz pzecincte of the said lozdships parishes townships commotes and cantredes oz any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oz shalbe, and euerye parte therof, shall stande and be foz euer, from the said feast of all saynctes, gyldable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partes & membzes of the said countie oz shire of Mountgomery. And that the saide towne of Mountgomery shall be named accepted reputed vsed had and taken heed and shire towne of the sayde countie of Mountgomerey. And that the countie oz shiere courte of and foz the sayde countie oz shire of Mountgomerepe, shall be holden and kepte the firste tyme at the saide towne of Mountgomerey, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Maghenleth in the same shire oz cõtie: and so to be kept in the same two townes *alternis vicibus*, foz euer, and in none other place. ¶AND also it is enacted by the auctozite afozesayd, that the lozdshyps, townshyps parysshes commotis and cantredes of Denbighlande, Ruthin, saint Tasse, Kynllethowen, Bromfylde, Yale, Chirke and Chirkelande, Molesdale, and Hopesdale, in the sayd countrepe of Wales, and euery of them: and all and syngular honours lozdshyps castelles manours londes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge oz being within the compas oz pzecinct of the said lozdships townships cõmotis & cantredes, oz any of them, in whose possession so euer they be oz shalbe, & euery part therof shal stond and be foz euer from the said feast of al saintes gyldable: & shalbe

reputed accepted named and take as partes and membres of the said countye or shire of Denbygh. And that the sayde towne of Denbigh shalbe named accepted reputed vsed hadde and taken heed and shire towne of the countie or shiere of Denbyghe. And that the countie or shiere courte of and for the sayde countie or shire of Denbygh, shalbe holden and kepte the fyrste tyme at the sayd towne of Denbygh, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Wrixham in the sayde shire or countie and so to be kept in the same two townes alternis vicibus for euer and in none other place.

AND for as moche as the counties or shires of Brekenoke, Radnor, Mountgomery, and Denbigh be far distant from the cite of London, where the lawes of Englande be commonly vsed ministred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabitauntes of the sayde shires of Brekenoke, Radnor, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh be not of substaunce power and abilitie to trauayle out of their countreyes to seke the administration of Justice, it is therfore enacted by the auctorytie aforesayde, that the kynge our soueraygne lorde shall haue one Chauncerie and eschequier at his castel of Brekenoke, one other at his towne and Castel of Denbygh: And that the shiereffes escheatours and other officers accomptantes of the counties of Brekenoke and Radnore, Mountgomerey and Denbygh from and after the said feaste of all saynctes shall be yerely appoynted by our soueraygne lorde the kynge, for within euery of the sayd shires of Brekenoke Radnore Mountgomerey and Denbygh. And that the sherpffes escheatours and other officers accomptantes of the Counties of Brekenoke and Radnore, frome and after the sayde feaste of all saynctes, shall yerelye make theyr accompte before the kynges auditours and suche chamberlayne or baron of the sayd Eschequier, as shall be therunto appoynted by our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge in suche lyke maner and fourme, as sheriffes escheatours and other officers accomptantes do yerely make theyr accomptes in the kynges Eschequire at Westmynster within this realme of Englande. And that the shyreffes escheatours and other officers accomptātes of the counties of Mountgomery and Denbigh, from and after the sayde feaste of all saynctes, shall yerelye make theyr accompte before the kynges auditours, and suche chaumberlayne or baron of the sayde Eschequire, as shall be therunto appoynted by our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge in suche lyke maner & forme as shiereffes escheatours and other officers accomptauntes, doo yerely make their accomptes in the kynges eschequire at Westmynster within this realme of Englande. And that Justyce shall be mynistred, vsed, exercised, and executed, vnto the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes in euerye of the sayd shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerye, and Denbyghe, accordinge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and accordynge to suche other customes and lawes nowe vsed in wales aforesayde, as the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and his moste honorable counsayle shal allowe and thynke expedient requisite and necessary by suche Justiciar or Justiciars as shall be

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therunto appoynted by our sayde souerayne lorde the kinge, and after suche forme and fasshion, as iustyce is vsed and ministred to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the lordshyps townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Oswestre, whetington, Masbroke, knoking, Ellesmer, Downe, & Churbury hundrede in the marches of wales aforesayd, and euery of them, & al and singuler honours, lordshyps, castelles, manours, townes, hamlettes, londes, tenementis, and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compas or precinct of the sayd lordshyps, townes, paryshes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shal stand & be for euer, from and after the said feast of all saintes gyldable: and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the counte of Salop̄, as a membre part or parcel of the same. And that the sayd lordships of Oswester, whetyngton, Masbroke, and knokynge, with theyr membres, shall be taken, named, and knowen, by the name of the hundrede of Oswester in the countie of Salop̄: And the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunt and do euery thyng and thinges at euery sessions Assise and gaole delyuerie to be holden within the countie of Salop̄, as the inhabytantes of all other hundredes do within the sayde countie of Salop̄, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppe of Ellesmere, with the membres of the same, shall be vnyted, ioyned, and knytte to the hundred of Pymhill in the countie of Salop̄: and shall be taken named and knowen to be parcel of the same hundred: and the inhabytauntes therof shal be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabytauntes of the sayd hundred of Pymhyl, as the inhabytantes of the same hundred now do and vse, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshyppe of Downe, with the membres, shalbe vnited ioyned and knyt to the hundred of Churbury in the countie of Salop̄: and that the inhabytauntes of the sayde hundrede of Churbury and lordeshyppe of downe, shal be attendaunt and doo euery thynge and thynges, at euerye sessions assise and gaole delyuere to be holden within the sayde countie of Salop̄, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayde countie of Salop̄, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the sayd hundrede of Churbury after the sayde feaste of all sainctes, nor the said hundred of Oswestre, nor yet the lordeshyppe of Ellesmere, shall be in no wyse other wyse priuileged, nor haue no other lybertie nor priuilege, but as hundredes vnited annexed and knytte to the sayde countie of Salop̄, as other hundredes be within the sayd countie.

¶ And that the lordeshyps, townes, paryshes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes of Ewyas lacy, Ewias harolde, Clyfforde, wynforton, Yerdesley, Huntyngton, whytney, wygmore, Logharneys, and Stepulton, in the said marches of Wales, and euerye of theym: And all and synguler honours lordshyps castels manours landes tenementes and heredytamentes, lyinge

or beinge within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordeshyppes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be for euer, from and after the sayde feaste of all sayntes gyldable: and shalbe vnyted annexed and ioyned to & with the countye of Hereforde, as a membre parte or parcell of the same countie of Hereforde. And that the lordshyppes of wygmore and Logharneys, with theyr membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of wygmore in the countie of Hereforde afore sayde: And that the inhabitauntes thereof shall be attendaunt, and do euery thynge and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the sayde countie of Hereforde, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayde countie of Hereforde, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the hole lordshyp of Ewias lacy, with the membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Ewyas lacy within the sayde countie of Hereforde: And the inhabitantes therof shalbe attendant and do euery thyng and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the sayd countie of Hereforde, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do, within the sayde countie of Hereforde, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppe of Ewias harolde with the membres, shall be vnited ioyned and knytte to the hundrede of webtre in the sayd countie of Hereforde, and shalbe taken named and knowen to be parcel of the said hundred of webtree: and the inhabytauntes therof shall be attendante and do euery thynge and thynges with the inhabytauntes of the same hundred of webtree, as the inhabytauntes of the same hundred nowe do, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshypes of Clyfforde, Wynforton, Yerdesley, Whitney, and Huntyngton, with theyr membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Huntyngeton within the countie of Hereforde afore sayde: and that the inhabytauntes therof shalbe attendaunte and do euery thynge and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole delyuere to be holden within the sayd countye of Hereforde, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the sayd countie of Hereforde, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the sayde hundred of wygmore, with the membres, and the sayde hundred of Ewias lacy, and the sayd hundred of Huntyngton, and the seyd lordshyppe of Ewias harolde, annexed vnto the hundred of webtree, after the sayde feaste of all sayntes, shalbe in no wyse other wyse priuyleged, nor haue no other lybertie fraunches ne priuilege, but as hundredes vnited and annexed to the sayde countie of Hereforde, and as other hundredes be within the sayde countie of Hereforde.

¶ AND that the lordeshyppes townes and parisshes of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheleye, in the sayde marches of wales, and all honours lordshyppes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge or beynge betwene Chepstowe brydge in the sayde marches of wales,

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and Gloucestre shire, in whose possessiō so euer they be or shalbe, & euery part therof, shal stand and be gyldable from and after the said feast of al saintes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the sayde countie or shire of Glouc. as a membre parte or parcell of the same. And that the sayde lordshyppes townes and parishes of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheley, and al honours lordshyppes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamētes, lyinge or beinge betwene Chepstowe bridge and the shire of Glouc. as is aforesayd, shalbe vnited ioyned and knyt to the hundred of wesebery with in the sayde shiere of Glocestre, and shall be taken named and knowen to be parte and parcell of the same hundred: and the inhabitauntes therof shalbe attendant and do euery thynge and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the sayd hūdred of Wesebery, as the inhabitātes of the same hundred now do, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englād. And ẏ the sayd lordshyps of wollaston, Tidnam, and Becheley, after the said feast of al saintes, shal be in no wyse priuileged, nor haue no other lybertie franches ne priuilege, but as parcell of the sayde hundred of wesebery in the said coūtie of Gloucestre.

¶ And that the lordshyps townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Gowerkyluey, bysshops towne, Landaffe, Synghnythe supra, Synghnyth subtus, Miskyn, Ogmore, Glynerotheney, Tallagarne, Ruthien, Tallauan, Landlethyan, Lantwyd, Tyeryall, Auan, Nethe, Landewey, & the Clays in the sayde countrey of wales and euery of them: and al honours lordshyppes castelles manours landes tenementes and heredytamentes, liinge or beinge within the compas or precincte of the sayd lordshyps townes parishes, cōmotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be gildable for euer from and after the sayd feast of all saintes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioined to and with the countie of Glamorgan, as a membre parte or parcell of the same. And that the sayde shire of Glamorgan & Morgannoke, & al the aforesaid lordshyps townes parishes cōmotes hundredes, cātredes vnited and annexed to the sayde countie of Glamorgan, shall from & after the sayd fest of al saintes, be reputed named accepted & knowen by ẏ name of the shire of Glamorgan only, and by none other name. And that frō and after the sayd fest of all saintes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes of the sayde countie of Glamorgan accordynge to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes: and in suche fourme and facion as iustice is ministred & vsed to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And that the lordshyps townes parishes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Lanemthevery, Abermerlese, Kedwely, Eskennyng, Cornewolthon, Newecastell, Emlyn, Abergoylly, in the sayde countreye of Wales and euery of theym: and all honours lordeshyps castelles manours landes tenemētes & hereditamentes, lieng or being within the cōpas or p̄cinct of ẏ sayde lordships townes parishes cōmotis hundredes and cantredes or any of thē, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, & euery part therof, shal stāde & be gildable for euer, from & after the said feest of all saintes: & shalbe vnited

annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Kayermerthen, as a membre part or parcel of the same. And that from and after the said feest of al saintes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitantes of the sayd countie of Kaermerden, accordynge to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no welshe lawes, and in such forme and facion as iustice is ministred & vsed to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

And that the lordshipp townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Hanerdowest, Kilgarran, Lansteffan, Langeharne otherwise called Tellangherne, Walwynscastell, Dewys land, Lannehadeyn, Lankey, Herberth, Slebeyche, Rosemarkette, Castellan, and Llandofloure in the sayde countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lynge or beynge within the compas or precinte of the sayde lordshyppes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be gildable for euer from and after the sayde feaste of all saincte, and shalbe vnyted annered and ioyned to and with the countie of Pembroke. And that from and after the said feest of al saincte, iustice shalbe ministred & executed to ỳ kynges subiectes & inhabitantes of the sayde countie of Pembroke, accordyng to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes: and in suche fourme and facion, as iustice is ministred and vsed to the kynges subiectes within the thre sheres of Northwales.

And that the lordeshyppes townes parisshes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Tregaron, Generglyn, Landwy, Ureny in the sayde countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lynge or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordshyps townes parishes commotes hundredes & cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be gyldable for euer from and after the said feaste of all saynctes, and shalbe vnited annered and ioyned to and with the countie of Cardigan, as a membre part or parcel of the same. And that from and after the sayde feaste of all saynctes iustice shall be ministred and executed to the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes of the sayde countie of Cardygan, accordynge to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and after no welshe lawes: and in suche fourme and facyon as iustice is minystred and vsed to the kynges subiectes within the three sheres of Northwales.

And that the lordshyp towne and parishes of Wouthway in the sayd countrey of wales, in whose possession so euer it be: and all landes tenementes & hereditamentes nowe lynge or being within the compas or precincte of the sayde lordeshyppe towne and parishes of Wouthwaye or any of theym, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shal stand and be gildable for euer from and after the said feast of al saynctes, and shalbe

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bnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Merconeth in Northwales, as a commote membre parte or parcel of the same.

¶Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all Justices, commissioners, shireues, coroners, eschetours, stewardes, and their lieutenantes, and all other officers and ministers of the lawe, shal proclayme and kepe the sessions, courtis, hundredes, letes, shireues courtes, and all other courtes in the englyshe tonge: and all othes of officers, iuries, and inquestes, and all other affidauithes verdites and wagers of lawe to be gyuen and done in the englyshe tonge. And also that from henceforth no person or persons that vse the welshe speche or langage, shal haue or inioy any maner office or fees within the realme of Englande, wales, or other the kynges dominion, vpon peine of forfaytinge the same offices or fees, onles he or they vse and exercise the speche or language of englyshe.

¶AND IT is further enacted by thauctoryte aforesayde, that hit shall be lefulle to the shyreffe of euery of the foresayde shires of Mommouth, Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountegomerey, and Denbighe, and euery of theym, to putte euery mystruled and suspecte personne within their shirefwike, vnder common maynprise and suretie of their personall apparaunce, as the shireffes do within euery of the thre shires of Northwales. And that the recognisances of suche commen mainprise and suretie of apparance, take before any of the said shireffes, shalbe as good and effectuall, as if it were taken by any Justice of recorde. And that the shireffe of the countie of Mōmouth, shall certifie suche recognisances, common mainprise, or suretie of apparance at euery quarter sessions, before the Justices of peace of the sayde countie of Mommouth. And that euery person and persons within the said countie of Mommouth, put vnder commen maynprise, & bound to his personall apparance, shall kepe their personall apparance at the sessions holde within the saide shire of Mommouth, nexte after the clause of Easter, and at the sessions to be holden within the said shire next after the feaste of saynt Michel tharchangell, vntyll suche tyme that they be therof released after the fourme of the lawe. And that euery of the shireffes of the sayd counties of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh, and euery of them shall certifie such recognisances commen maynprise or suretie of apparance by them taken, before suche Justice as shalbe appointed by our soueraigne lord the king within euery of the said shires, at euery sessions to be holden in any of the said shires before the same Justice.

¶And that euery persone and persones within the said counties of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh: And also within the aboue named counties of Glamorgan, Kermerden, Pembroke, and Cardigan or any of them, put vnder commen mainprise, and bounde to his or their personall apparance, as wel by the foresayd shireffes, as by the Justices of any of the said counties: shall kepe their apparances before the said Justices at euery sessions within the said counties to be holden in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the thre shires of Northwales.

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¶ And for that the lordes marchers before this present parlyament haue vsed to put their tenantes within their lordships marchers vnder suche common maynprise and suretie of apparance, and haue had the forfaytures therof: whiche for euer from and after the sayd feast of all sayntes shal vtterly cease and determine: Therfore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that after the said feest of all sayntes, euery lay and temporall persone nowe being a lorde marcher, shall haue the moytie or halfe of euery forfayture of al and euery common maynprise, recognisance for the peace, or apparance forfayted by any of their tenantes, inhabytinge within any of their lordeshyppes marchers: and they to be payde the same moytie or halfe by the handes of the shyreffe of euery of the sayde counties, where suche forfaytures shall be, if the shireffe can leute the same: and the same shireffe to accompt to our soueraygne lorde the kynge for the other halfe or moytie, in suche eschequier as they be bounde to be accomptant.

¶ Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that immediatly vpon the prorogation or dissolution of this present parlyament, the lorde chauncellour of England shal direct the kinges commission vnder his gracis great seale, to suche persons as to hym shall be thoughte conuenyent, to enquyre and viewe all the sayde shyres of Kermerden, Pembroke, Cardigan, Monmouth, Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, Glamorgan, & Denbigh, and euery part and parcell of them: and vpon such viewe and serche, to diuide them & euery of them into so many hundredes, as they shal thynke most meete and conuenient: And the hundredes so diuided, shall retourne and certifie with the sayde commyssion into the highe courte of Chauncerye before the sayde feaste of all sayntes, and the same to remayne of Recorde, and to be of suche force and effecte, as hit were by acte of parlyamente. And that the sayde hundredes, after the sayde Certificate, shall be vsed and taken, as other hundredes be in euery other shyre within this realme of Englande.

¶ Furthermore it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that immediatly after the prorogation or dissolution of this present parlyamente, the lorde chauncellour of Englande shall directe the kynges commission vnder his gracis great seale, to suche persons as to hym shalbe thought conuenient, to enquire and serche out by all wayes and meanes that they canne, all and syngular lawes, vsages, and customes, vsed within the said dominion and countrey of wales: and the same shall retourne and certifie to the kinges highnes and his most honourable counsayle before the saide feast of al sayntes nexte commynge: and that vppon deliberate aduise therof hadde and taken al suche lawes, vsages, & customes, as the kynges highnes & his said moste honorable counsayle shall thynke expedient requisite and necessarie to be had vsed & exercised in the before rehersed shires or any of them, or in any other shyre of the dominion or countrey of wales, shal stonde and be of full strength vertue and effecte, and shall be for euer inuiolably obserued hadde vsed and executed in the same shyres, as yf this acte hadde neuer ben had ne made

made: any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that for this presente parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kept for this realme, two knyghtes shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamente for the shire of Mommouth, and one burges for the borough of Mommouth, in lyke maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyament be elected and chosen in all other shires of this realme of Englande: And that the same knyghtes and burgeis shall haue lyke dignitie preemynence & priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees, as other knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyament haue bene allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied perceyued receyued gathered and payd in suche maner fourme and order, as suche fees be gathered leuied perceyued receiued and paide in other shyres of this realme of England: And the burgeis fees to be leuied as wel within the burgh of Mommouth, as within all other ancient burghes within the said shire of Mommouth.

¶ And that for this present parlyament, and all other parlyamentes, to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knyght shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamentis for euery of the shyres of Bychenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh, and for euery other shire within the sayde countrey or dominion of wales: and for euery borough, being a shire towne within the sayd countrey or dominion of wales, except the shire towne of the aforesaid countie of Merioneth, one burgeis: And the election to be in lyke maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyament be elected and chosen in other shieres of this realme: And that the knyghtes and burgeis and euery of them, shall haue lyke dygnitie preemynence and priuilege, and shalbe allowed such fees as other knightes of the parlyament haue & be allowed: And the knightes fees to be leuied and gathered of the cõmons of the shire that they be elected in: And the burgeis fees to be leuied and gathered as well of the boroughes and shire townes as they be burgeis of: as of all other ancient borowes within the same shire.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that al and euery lay and temporall person and persons, nowe beinge lordes matchers, and hauynge any lordships matchers, or lordships riall, shall frome and after the saide feaste of all saintes, haue all suche myses and profyttes of their tenantes, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the fyrst entree into their landes in tymes past: And also shall haue holde and kepe within the precincte of their lordships, courtis baron, Court letis, and lawdays, and al and euery thing to the same courtes belonginge. And also shall haue within the precincte of their said lordshyps or lawday, wayfe, straife, Infanchef, outfanchef, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes and cattals of felons, and of persons condemned or outlawed of felony or murder, or put in exigent for felony or murder: and also wreke de mere, wharfage, and customes of strangers, as they haue had in tymes past, and as though such priuileges were graunted vnto

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them by our ſouerayngne lorde the kynge by poynt of charter: any thynge in this preſente acte to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ PROVIDED alway, that this preſent acte, nor any thynge therin conteyned, ſhall take away or derogate any lawes vſages or laudable cuſtomes nowe vſed within the thre ſhires of Northewales: Nor ſhall not deprive nor take away the holle liberties of the Duchie of Lancaſtre: but that the ſayde liberties ſhall continue and be vſed in euery lordeſhyp parcell of the ſayde Duchye within the dominion or countreye of wales, as the liberties of the ſayde Duchie be vſed in ſhyre grounde, and not countie palantyne within this realme of Englande.

¶ Prouided alſo that this act nor any thyng therin conteyned do not extend nor be preiudicial to any perſon or pſons, to auoyde any patent, ioynt patent of any office fees annuites or reuerciõ of any office fees or annuites, to them graunted for terme of their life or lifes by our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, or by any other perſon or perſons, other for the vſynge exercyſing or occupieng of any maner office, or other wyſe, but that they ſhall haue and enioye their ſayd fees, and all other offices of conſtableſhippes, porterſhyppes, ſtewardſhippes of letes, lawe dayes, courte barons, and other offices, beinge not repugnaunt agaynſt this acte: And in caſe any ſuche offices be repugnant agaynſte this act: that then the grauntees to haue and enioy their fees, duringe their lyfe or lyues: any article or clauſe in this preſent act to the contrary in any wyſe not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alſo, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, be not in any wyſe preiudiciall to the rygbte honourable Henry erle of worceſter, for the exercyſyng vſyng & occupieng of the office of ꝑ iuſtice of the hole countie of Glamorgan, any thynge in this preſent acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alſo that this acte nor any thyng therin conteyned, extende not to depriue take awaye or derogate any other actes before this tyme made for the trialle of treaſon murder or felonies, or acceſſaries of the ſame, committed and done in any lordſhip marcher in wales, or in the nexte ſhires of Englande adioynynge to the ſayd lordeſhip marcher.

¶ Prouyded alway, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyinge in the ſayde countrey and dominion of wales, whiche haue benne vſed time out of mynde by the lawdable cuſtomes of the ſayd countrey, to be departed and departable amonge iſſues and heires males, ſhal ſtylle ſo contynue and be vſed in lyke fourme facion and condition, as if this acte hadde neuer be hadde nor made, any thynge in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by auctorytie aforeſayde, that the kinges hyghnes, not withſtandynge this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, ſhal haue power and auctorytie for the terme of thre yeres next after the ende and diſſolution of this preſente parlyament, to ſuſpende for ſuche tyme as ſhall pleaſe his grace, or vtterly to repeale reuoke and abrogate this hole acte, or

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any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as shall stonde with his moste gracious pleasure: so that euery suche suspendynge repeale & reuocation from tyme to tyme as often as any suche case shall happen, shalbe made in wrytyng vnder the greate seale of Englande, and be annexed to the rolle of this present parlyament, wherin this acte shalbe enrolled, and proclamations therupon to be made in euery shere within the sayd countre & dominion of wales. And that euery suche suspendynge repeale and reuocation so to be had and made by the kynges hyghnes, shall be as good and effectualle to all intentes and purposes, as if the same hadde be doone by auctoritie of this presente parlyament: this acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ AND where by this present acte there is appoynted one Chauncerie & one Eschequire at Bekenoke: & an other Chancerie and Eschequire at Denbigh, it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the kynges highnes frō tyme to tyme within the terme of fyue yeres nexte after the ende of this parlyamēt for due ministration of iustice in the sayd countrey of wales shall haue power and auctorite to erecte make and ordeyne suche courte or courtes, and so many courtes of recorde, and such and so many iustices ministers officers and clerkes, as by his highnes within the tyme of fyue yeres nexte after the ende of this present parliament shalbe thought sufficient and conuenient, as well for the due execution of this acte or of any thinge or thinges that shalbe had done or made by auctoritie of the same, as for the good gouernance and rule of the sayde countrey of wales.

¶ Prouyded alway, that this acte, or any thinge or thynges to be done by auctoritie therof, shall not be preiudiciall to any person or persones, whiche nowe haue by the kynges letters patentes any office or offices of Protonotarie or clerke of the crowne in the sayde countrey & dominion of Wales, but that they & euery of them shall & may stylle haue and vse their offices, in as large and ample maner fourme facion and condicion, as if this acte, or any thynge to be done by auctoritie therof had neuer be had nor made: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouided also ỹ this act or any thing therin cōteyned, erred not, or in any wyse be preiudicial or hurtful to sir Walter Deuereux knyght of the noble order of the garter, lord Ferrers & of Chartley, of for & concernyng the offices of chief Justice of southe wales, the office of chamberlaine of Southwales, and of the counties of Carmarden and Cardigan in southwales aforesayde: And of & for the office of the stewardshyp of the lordshyp of Bealth, in the marches of south wales, & of & for the office of receyuourshyp of the said lordshyp of Bealth: or of for or cōcerning any of the said offices: but that the said lord Ferrers may haue vse exercise and enioy the sayd offices and euery of them, with al fees wages emolumētes cōmodities and profites to the same offices or to any of them in any wise belonging or appertenning, in as large & ample maner fourme and condicion, as if this acte had neuer be had nor made.

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## ¶ An acte establyshynge the courte of augmentations. Capitulo. xxviii.

FOr as much as in this present parliament, begonne at London in the. iii. day of Nouembre, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and from thens adiorned vnto westm, and there holden: and from that tyme contynued by dyuers prorogations, vnto the. iii. day of Febr. in the. xxvii. yere of his moost noble reygne: and then there holden, it is enacted ordeyned and establyshed, by the assente of the kynges mateste, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorytie of the same, that his mateste shulde haue and enioye to hym his heyres and successours for euer, all and syngular suche monasteries, priories, and other relygious houses, of monkes chanons and nunnes, of what kyndes or diuersites of habytes rules or orders so euer they be called or named, whiche haue not in landes tenementes rentes tithes pentions and other hereditamentes aboue the clere yerely value of two hundred poundes: and all the scites and circuites of all suche religious houses, and al and syngular the manours granges meses landes tenemētes reuersiōs rētes seruices tithes pensions portiōs aduousōs patronages ryghtes entrees condicions & other hereditamentes apperteynynge and belongyng to euery such monastery priorie and other relygious house, not haynge as is afore sayde landes and tenementes aboue the sayde clere yerely value of two hundred poundes, in as large and ample maner, as the abbottes priours abbesses prioresses and other gouernours of suche monasteries priories and other religious houses than had or ought to haue had the same in the ryght of theyr houses: And that his hyghnes shall haue to hym and to his heires all and syngular suche monasteries abbeyes and priories, whiche at any tyme within one yere, nexte afore the makynge of the sayde acte, haue ben gyuen and graunted to his mateste by any abbotte priour abbesse or prioresse, vnder theyr conuent seales, or that otherwise haue ben suppressed or dissolued: and all and syngular the manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuertions tythes pentions portions churches chapels aduousons patronages ryghtes entrees condicions, and all other interestes and hereditamentes, to the same monasteries abbeyes or priories or to any of them apperteynynge or belongynge, to doo and vse therwith his and theyr owne wylles, to the pleasure of almyghty god, and to the honour and profite of this realme.

¶ And further it is ordeyned by the sayd act, that the kynges mateste shuld haue and enioye all such ornamentes Jewelles goodes catteles and dettes whiche apperteyned or belonged to any of the chefe gouernours of the sayd monasteries or religious houses, in the ryght of theyr sayde monasteryes or houses at the fyrst day of marche, in the yere of our lord god, M. D. XXXV. or at any tyme sythen, where so euer, & to whose possessions soeuer they shal come

ported be founde, except suche goodes catells and other thynges excepted and forprised in the sayde acte, as by the same and amongst other thynges more playnely at large maye appere.

¶ For the more sucrete and establyshmente hereof, and to the intente that the kynges matestie, his heyres and successours, shalbe yerely as well truely and truely answered contented and payed of the rentes revenues fermes profites, & yerely comynge and growing of the sayde manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes before expressed, as of the good catelles plate stuffe of household debtes money stocke corne and other thynges forfeyte and commodities given graunted or appoynted to the kynges matestie by the same, in suche courte place fourme maner and condicion, as hereafter shalbe limitted declared and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeyned and establyshed by thassent of the kynges matestie, his lordes spirituall and temporal, and the comunes in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same in maner and forme as here after followeth in articles, That is to saye:

¶ First the kynge our sayde soueraygne lorde by auctorite afore sayde, ordeyneth maketh establysheth and erecteth a certayne courte, commonly to be called, The courte of thaugmentations of the revenues of the kynges crowne: whiche courte by auctorite afore sayde continually shalbe a courte of recorde, and shall haue one greate seale and one privey seale to be engraued and made after suche fourme facion and maner, as shalbe appoynted by the kynges highnes, and shall remayne and be opened, as hereafter shall be declared.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that there shalbe one certayne person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe chancellour of the sayde court, and shalbe chiefe and principall officer of the same court, and shalbe called chauncellour of the courte of thaugmentations of the revenues of the kynges crowne, and shall haue the keppinge of the said great seale and privie seale, to be assigned for the sayde courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called the kynges Treasourer of the courte of thaugmentations of the revenues of the kynges crowne, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same courte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite afore sayd, that there shalbe one person learned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges highnes, which shalbe called the kynges attourney of the said courte, and shalbe the thirde officer of the same courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one personne to be named by the kynges highnes, which shalbe called the kynges Solicitour of the sayde courte, and shall be the fourthe officer of the courte.

¶ Also that there shall be tenne particular auditours to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called auditours of the revenues of the sayde augmentations.

¶Also there shall be .xbii. particular receiuours, to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shalbe called receyuours of the sayde reuenues.

¶Also that there shalbe one persone to be named by the kynges highnes whiche shalbe called clerke of the sayde courte: and one other persone, whiche shalbe huisher of the same courte: and one other persone, whiche shalbe called Messanger of the same courte, whiche huisher and messanger shall be named by the kynges highnes: and eyther of them shall haue suche yerely fees rewardes and profites as the huysher and messenger of the bouche of westmynster haue and parcepue.

¶Also the sayde chauncellour, whiche shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes, shal take a corporal othe afore the lorde chancellour of Englande for the tyme beinge, after the tenour ensuinge: Ye shall swearr, that ye well and trewely shall serue the kynge in the office of chauncellourshyppe of the augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shall minister equall iustice to ryche and pore, to the best of your cunnynge witte and power: and that ye shall diligently procure all thynges, whiche may honestly and lefully be to the kinges aduantage & profite, & to the augmentation of the rightes & prerogatiues of his crowne, and trewely vse the kynges seales appoynted to your office: and also endeuour your selfe to the vttermost of your power to see the kynge trewely answered of all suche rentes reuenues fines and profites, whiche shal or may arise or growe in your office, and from time to tyme delyuer with spede suche as shall haue to do afore you. and that ye shall not take nor receyue of any person any gyfte or rewarde in any cause or matter dependinge before you, or wherin the kynges highnes shalbe party, whereby any preiudice hinderaunce losse or dishertison shal growe or be to the kynges highnes, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶Also that the sayde Treasorer shall take a corporal othe before the sayde chauncellour of the sayde courte, according to the the tenour ensuynge: Ye shall sweare, that ye shal well and truely serue the kynge our soueraygne lorde and his people in the office of Treasorer of this courte: And ye shall reasonably and honestely procure the kynges profyte, and do ryght to all manner of people poore and ryche in those thynges whiche touche your office: and the kynges treasure ye shall truely kepe and dispende, and true declaration and accompt therof shall make from tyme to tyme without any concelement according to this acte made for the stablyshement of this court, and further shall do euery thinge that of ryght appertayne to your office, soo helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶Also eyther of the sayde attourney and Solicitour, shall take a corporall othe before the sayde chauncellour, according to the tenour ensuing: Ye shall swere, that ye wel & truely shal serue the kyng as his attourney in al courts for & concernynge any matter or cause, that shall cõcerne or touche the possessions & hereditamẽtes limitted to the survey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kinges profite therof, and that ye shall truely counsell the kinge & his chancellour of this courte in al thinges concerning the same, to

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the best of your cunnynge witte and power and with al spede and diligence from time to tyme at the callynge of the sayde chancellour, ye shal endeuour your selfe for the herynge & determinatiō indifferently of suche matters & causes, as shal depend before the sayd chancellour: And that ye shal not take any gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cause depending in the same courte, or elswhere, wherin the kynge shalbe partie, whereby the kynges maiestie shal be hurted hindred or disherited: and further do al and euery thyng, that shal appertayne to your office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of the sayde auditours shall take a corporall othe before the sayde chauncellour after the tenour ensewynge: Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and trewlye serue the kynge in your office, and trewe allowaunce make to euery persone, whiche shall be accomptante before you: ye shall not take nor receyue of power or ryche any gyfte or rewarde, in any matter or cause dependynge or to be discussed in the same court, but suche that shal be your ordinarie fees. And ye shal do al and euery other thyng, which shal appertayne to your office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of the sayd particuler receyuours shal take a corporal oth before the sayd chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shal sweare, that ye trulye shal serue the kynge in your office, and nothing concele, but trewe accompte make of all suche reuenues rentes sommes of moneye and other profittes, wherwith ye shall be lawfully charged by reason of your office; ye shall make no petition nor aske allowance, but suche as shall be good iuste and true and resonable: And ye shall do all and euery thynge and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reson of your office, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also that the said clerke of the counsel shall take a corporal othe before the saide chauncellour after the tenour ensewinge: Ye shall swere, that ye shall well and truely serue the kynge in your office of clerke of the counsell of this court, and truely do and execute al and euery thyng and thynges, which ye oughte to do by reason of your office, accordyng to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and all saintes.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that al the sayde monasteries priories and other religious houses, whiche be dissolued and come, or shall come to the kynges hyghnes by the act aforesayd, and all the manours messes landes tenementes rentes seruices tithes pencions porcions aduousons patronages and all hereditamentes appertaynyng or belongyng to any the sayde monasteries priories or other religious houses, shall be in the order survey and gouernaunce of the sayd court, and of the officers and ministers therof: and al the fermes issues reuenues and profittes cōmyng & growing of the premisses or any parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kynges vse by the ministers and officers of the same court, in maner and forme as here after shal be declared. Excepte alwaye and reserued such & as many of the same monasteries priories and houses, with all their hereditamentes possessions goodes and catalles, whiche the kynges maiestie, by his letters

patentis vnder his great seale, shall declare and limitte to continue and be in their assential estate, and to perseuer in the body and corporation, as they were before the makynge of the said acte.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all those manours landes tenementes and hereditamentis, which the kinges highnes hath purchased & now remayn in his gracis handes, or in the handes or possession of any p̄son or p̄sons to his vse, and which hereafter his highnes shal purchase, shal be & remain in the order suruey & gouernāce of the said court, in forme as is aboue reherced. ¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforsaid, ꝑ al giftes, grauntes, releses, confirmations, leses, letters patentis, and other writynges, whi che shalbe in the name of ꝑ kynges highnes, his heires or successours of any estate of freehold only, or for any terme of yeres, or at wyl or at plesure of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, which be before assigned to the order suruey & gouernance of the said court, or of any rent charges, annuities, nert aduoydance of aduousons, offices, or wardes, to be giuen lett̄ or graūted out of the same or any part therof, or by any meanes concernynge the said court, or any of the p̄emisses cōmitted to the suruey of the sayd courte, to any person or persons, or bodies politike, or of any office appertaynyng or belonginge to the sayde court of Augmentations, shalbe made by the clerke of the said courte, or his deputie or deputies, and subscribed with his own p̄opre hande and name, & sealed with the great seale, assigned to and for the said courte. And that all and euery such gyftes grauntes releases, confirmations, leases, letters patentes, and other writynges, whiche shall be made and sealed as is aforesayde, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe, without lyuerey and seasone or attournement a gaynste the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, according to the tenours purpoꝛtis and effectes of suche gyftes grauntes releases confirmations leases, letters patentes, or other writinges so to be made. And that the sayd Chauncellour vppon euery warraunt to be directed to hym vnder the kynges signe manuell, shall haue power and auctoritie to cause to be made by the sayd clerke of the saide courte, or his deputie or deputies in due ordre and fourme all suche gyftes, grauntes, releases, confirmations, leases, letters patentes, or other writinges as is aforesayde, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of euery suche warraunt, whiche to hym shall be dyrected, and to seale all suche patentes and writynges with the said greatte seale remaynynge in his custody: the sayde chauncellour and other officers to take for his and their fees, for the ensealynge and writinge of euery patente such fee or fees as is taken by the Chauncellour, or other officer or officers of the kynges duchie of Lancastre, in lyke case. And that the saide Chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shall be made vnder the sayde seale in his custody, and to make cancellation of suche leases and letters patentes, that shall be to hym surrendred, and cause the day tyme and yere of euery suche surrender to be registred and enrolled by the said clerke of the sayd courte.

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Also the said chauncellour by the consent of the Tresourer atturney and Solicitour, or two of them, without any warrant from the kinges highnes, shall haue power and auctorite to make any woodsales in or vpon any the manours landes tenementis, or hereditamentis, limited to the order survey and gouernance of the said courte. And shall also haue lyke power and auctorite in the kynges name to make lesses for termes of .xxi. yeres, and not aboue, by letters patentes, to be writen by the said clerke of the same court and his deputie or deputies, and the name of the said clerke to be subscribed as is aforesaid, and to be sealed with the said great seale, of any of the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentis afore mencioned, which be appointed, or herafter shal happen to be in the order and gouernāce of the said courte, the said chauncellour and other officer or officers, takyng for his or their fees therof, as is aforesaid: And that euery leesse so to be made, shalbe good & effectual in the law against the king his heires & successors, according to the tenor and effect of the same. Prouided alwey, ỳ vpon euery such lease to be made by the said chācellour, there shalbe reserued to the kinges highnes & to his heires so moch yerely rent & profit, as the landis tenitis or hereditamentis cōprised in such leeses, haue ben letten heretofore or more, or after su the yerely value as they shalbe certified by the kinges cōmissioners into the said court. Prouided also that no lesses for terme of yeres shall be made of any reuersion, without the kynges speciall warrant for the same.

Also the sayd clerke of the said court shal enroll & regestre in a gret boke in parchement al and euery thase giftes grātes releases cōfirmations lesses letters patentes and all other writinges, whiche shalbe made and graunted vnder the said great seale: and also the day tyme and yere of the surrender of any of them, whan any suche surrender shall happen, whiche regester of enrollementes, shal remayne and be safely kepte in the sayd courte, as a recorde to the kynges vse, by the appointment of the said chauncellour. And that also the said clerke shall enter in a boke the apparances of euery person that shall be called to appere before the said chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shalbe made by the said Chancellour & counsaile, takyng such fees for the same, & for writing and enrollyng of any giftes grantes releses confirmations leses letters patentes or other writynges, as the clerke of the duchie of Lancastre hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that vpon all and synguler letters patentes to be made vnder the great seale of England, of any manors landes tenites and hereditamētes, belonging or apperteynyng to any of the said houses, comprised in the sayd act, and comitted to the survey of the said court, to any person or persons or body politike for any estate of enheritāce, there shalbe alweys reserued to the kynges highnes his heires and successours a tenure by knyghtes seruyce in Capite, and a yerely rent of the .x. part of the yerely value of the landes to be comprised in euery suche letters patentes, according to suche rate, as the same manours landes and tenementis gyuen, shall be expressed to be of yerely value in the same letters patentes:

Any thinge or clause conteyned in any warraunt to the contrary therof not withstandyng. And that the said rent so reserued vpon any such estate, shall be contented & payde to the officers of the sayd courte to the kynges vse, according as other reuenues there shal be payde. And that none auerrement shall be made or admitted by or for the kynge or any other persone, that the same manours landes and tenementes be of more yerely value than in the same letters patentis shall be declared.

¶ Also the said chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take recognisances of euery particular receyuour, which shall be assigned for the sayd courte, and of his suerties, for the sure payment of his receiptes. And also to take recognisaunces in the kynges name of euery fermer bailyffe true or other accomptantes, for the true payment of receiptes: and of euery person and persones, whiche shall be endetted to the kynges highnes, for any arrerages of his receipte ferme or charge, as for any other cause for and concernynge any of the premisses. And that all suche recognisances, of what sume soo euer they be, shall be as good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes and purposis, as recognisaunces taken in the kynges Chauncerye, or elles where before any Judge of Recorde.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayde, that the Chancellour of the same courte for the tyme beinge, shall haue fulle power and auctoryte to awarde writtes of Scire fac. vnder the great seale of his office vppon euery suche recognisaunces in the sayde court to be taken, yf case so require, and to holde plee vpon the same, and to awarde execution to all intentes and purposes, as is vsed and accustomed to be done in the kynges hyghe courte of chauncerie. Prouided alway, that if any issue of triall, triable by the bering of .xii. men, fortune to arise in the pledynge of the same: that then in euery suche case the saide chauncellour shall and may delyuer the recorde thereof to the Justyces of the kynges benche, for tyme beinge, and therupon the sayd courte of the kynges benche to do euery thing for the triall of the same issue, as they ought to do, in case the said issue or triall had ben sent or deliuered to them out of the kynges court of chancerie. And after the trial thereof in due fourme had, and the iugement therupon gyuen, the iustices of the kynges benche to haue power to award execution accordyngly: & the money therof cõming to be delyuered by the same Justices or clerke of the papers of the same court to the tresourer of the said court of Augmentations to the kynges vse.

¶ Also that the sayde Chauncellour for the tyme beinge, shall haue full power and auctorite to awarde vnder the priue seale, appoynted to the saide courte, in the kynges name, suche processe and preceptis with reasonable peynes to be therin ympyted, as be nowe commonlye vsed in the courte of the kynges duchie chambre of Lancastre beinge at westm̃, agaynste euery person or persones, what so euer they be, for and concernynge the interest right and title of the kynges mateste, his heires and successours, of in or to any of the premisses, limpeted to the surueye and gouernaunce of the sayde

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courte: or of or for any rente accoumte receyte or seruices in any wyse touchynge or concernynge the same premisses or any parte of them, for and on the behalfe of our sayde soueraygne lorde the kynge, or of or for any dette rising or growynge by occasion of the same. ¶ Also it is ordeyned by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sayd Attourney and Solycitour, shal dilygently from tyme to tyme attende vppon the chauncellour in the saide courte, for the heringe and ordering of matters and causes in the sayd court: and procure with al diligence, that all rentes fermes profittes casualties emprowmentes, and all other emolumentes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beinge in the survey and gouernaunce of the sayde courte, shall be truely and iustly payed and aunswered to the treasorer of the sayde courte, to the vse of the kynges highnes, without concelynge any part therof. And shal also cause and procure processe to be made agaynst such as shal be indetted to the kynges hyghnes, & theyr suerties, of and for any part therof from tyme to tyme, as the tyme or case shall require.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that if any of the sayde officers appoynted for the same court, do concele or withdraw wyllyngly any rentes reuenues casualties or other goodes, gyuen to the kynge by the sayde acte: that then the officer so offendyng, shal lose the double value of the thyng soo conceled or withdrawe.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that euery of the sayde particular auditours and receyuours, shalbe attendant vpon the said chauncellour from tyme to tyme as causes shall require. And that euery of the sayd particular receyuours shall well diligently and effectually gather and leuie to the kynges vse, all suche fermes issues and profites, as shall be lymitted to his charge, and distreyn for the same, if nede so require. And that euery of the sayd particular receyuours and auditours, so ioyned together by thappoyntment of the sayd chauncellour, shall well and truely survey al maner of reparations nedefull to be don in or vpon any of the sayd manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes limitted to his charge, and appoynte the said reparations to be done to the kynges most profit and least charge. And also to survey the wodes lymitted to theyr charge, and what woodsales shall be conuenient to be made, and make Certificate of the premisses from tyme to tyme to the sayde chauncellour.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesayd, that all the rentes fermes issues and profytes of the sayde religious houses manours landes tenementes, and of al other the premisses, whiche be assigned to the order survey and gouernaunce of the sayd courte, as they shall growe due & be payable, shall be payed and delyuered to the handes of the sayde Treasourer by euerye of the sayde particular receyuours to be saufely kepte to the kynges vse: And that euery acquitance whiche shalbe subscribed with the name and hand of the sayde Treasourer, made to any of the sayd particular receyuours, or to any persone or persones, wherby shall appere that the sayde treasourer shall haue receyued of any of the said particular receyuours, or other persone or

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persones, any of the fermes rentes issues and profites in the charge of the sayde particular recepuours, or for any dette that shall be due to the kynges highnes, by occasion of the premisses or any part therof: or for any somme of money, whiche the sayd treasorer shall haue power to recepue to the kynges vse by reason of his office: and all other acquitaunces made by any of the sayde particuler recepuours to any what so euer person for the receipt of any thynge touchyng the premisses appoynted to his or theyr charge, shalbe a good and effectuall discharge for euery of the sayd partycular recepuours and other what so euer persones afore sayd agaynste the kynges highnes his heires and successours for euer.

¶ Also it is ordeyned, that the sayde treasorer shall yerely accompte before the sayde Chauncellour and suche two or mo of the sayde auditours, as the sayde Chauncellour shall appoynte. And that euery of the sayde particular recepuours shall yerely accompte before one of the sayde tenne auditours to be assigned to him by the sayd chancellour. And that euery of the sayde particular recepuours for the yere to be ended at the fest of saincte Michell tharchangel, shal make & fynisshe his accompte before the .xx. day of March next after the same feast ensewing. And that the sayde treasourer shall yerely fynisshe his accompte before the last day of Aprill next after that folowynge.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforsayd, that the sayde chancellour, by the consent of the sayd treasorer attourney and Solicitour, or two of them shall deuide to euery particular receiuour such portion as euery of them shall recepue of the sayd religious houses manours lãdes tenementes and al other hereditamentes afore sayd, and shal also proportion the said religious houses & other the premisses, in ten partis: & shal assigne to euery part therof one of the said ten auditours. And that euery of the saide ten auditours, as they shalbe assigned, shal yerely ride to the part to him to be limitted betwene the fest of saint Myghel tharchãgel & Chrystmas, & take the accomptes of al bailiffes reues fermers tenauntes and occupiars of the manours londes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the lymittes of his assignement.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that the said auditours & particular recepuours at al tymes, vpon warnyng gyuen to thẽ by the said chancellour, shall assemble to gether, as well for the ordernge of the sayd religious houses manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, as of the tenauntes of the same from tyme to tyme as the case shall require, as for the viewynge and determination of the sayd accomptes to be made therof.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite afore sayde, that all the accomptes of euery yere, to be ended at the feaste of saynte Myghell tharchaungel, as well of the sayde partycular recepuours baylyffes reues fermers tenauntes and occuppyers of the sayde houses manours londes tenementes and other hereditamentes afore sayd, as of the sayd treasorer shal be well & perfectly ingrossed in parchment by the sayde auditours, and deliuered to the said chancellour safely to be kept to the kynges vse euery yere yerely before the fyrst daye of Maye nexte ensewinge the said feaste of sainte Myghel tharchaungel,

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Also it is enacted by the auctorite aforsayd, that the auditours & other officers & ministers of the sayd court, for the tyme being, shall perely perceyue and take by the handes of the sayd Treasorer, particular recepuours, and al other officers and ministers accomptant, all and syngular such lyke dieties rewardes profites and commodities, as well for theyr attendaunce vpon the sayde chauncellour for the tyme beinge, and for makynge of bokes declarations and values, as for other matters and causes of for or concernynge the sayde courte: and also for therpences costes and charges of the sayde auditours and perticulat recepuours, and euery of them, perely ridinge theyr seuerall circuites and lymitations, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster and other officers and ministers there, do perely perceyue receiue take and be allowed in for and aboute any suche lyke matters causes and busines. And that the sayde auditours for the tyme beinge and euery of them, shall haue power and auctorite to allowe the same.

Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie afore sayd, that al reparations and buildynges, which shalbe done from tyme to tyme in or vpon any the premisses, shalbe done and made by the order and commaundement of the sayd chauncellour; by the consent of the saide treasorer attorney and Solicitour or two of them. And that the sayd Treasorer from tyme to tyme vpon his accompte shalbe allowed, as well of suche fee as shal be limitted vnto hym for exercise of his office, as of and for all suche sommes of money as he shall pay to any patentee or patentees of any office fee or annuite, that shal be graūted or giuen vnder the seale of the sayd courte: And also of al such sommes of money as he shal pay to any other pson or persons by vertue of the kinges warrant or byll assigned: And also of such summes of money, as he shal be commanded to pay by any byll assigned and subscribed with the handes of the sayd chauncellour attorney and Solicitour or two of them, vpon suche considerations, as shall be thought conuenient by theyr discrecions. And that the sayde auditours takynge the accomptes of the sayde Treasourer, or of any of the sayd particular recepuours, shal haue power and auctorite to allowe to the Treasorer the premisses and euery parte therof: And also to allowe to euery particular recepuour & other accomptātes, as wel theyr fees and wages, & al other such sommes of money, as they or any of them shal pay for in and about any buildinges, or reparations, as al other honest and resonable peticions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after suche fourme facion and condicion, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster do may do and haue be accustomed to do without any bill or warrant to be sued for the same.

Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner of proces that shall be made out of the kynges escheker to or against any person or persons for any fermes rentes issues or profittes, concernynge the premisses or any part therof, limitted by this act to be in the suruey order & gouernaūce of the

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said court and the ministers therof, shalbe clerely voyde and of none effecte.

Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Chancellour & treasorer shall yerely declare to the kynges highnes the state of the clere yerely value of the said houses, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, portions, tithes and other hereditamentes, and howe where and to whome they be employed, and what remayneth therof in the handes of the sayd Treasourer.

Prouyded alwey and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that al such manours messuages lōdes tenemētes rētes reuersions & other hereditamentes, whiche in any maner wise shall come to or be in the handes or possession of our saide soueraygne lorde the kynge, his heires or successours by auctoritie of the said former acte of parlyament, set lyeng and being as well within the countie palantine of Lancaster, as all other manours landes tenementes rentes reuertions and hereditamentes, with their commodities and appurtenances, set lyeng and being within this realme of England, Wales, or eyther of them, out of the saide countie palantine, whiche be or were appertaynynge or belongynge vnto the said monasteries or any of them, whiche were of the foundation of our sayde soueraygne lorde, or of any of his right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancastre, maye at the free wyll lybertie and pleasure of our sayde soueraygne lorde be assigned limitted and appoynted vnto the order surueying receyte lettynge and setting of the Chauncellour and officers of his said Duchy of Lancaster, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the saide chauncellour and officers of the said duchie haue vse and exercise at this present tyme or vpon and in any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, appertaynynge or in anywyse belonging vnto the said duchie: This acte or any thing therin contayned to the contrary not withstandynge.

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